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New Year Address of Comrade KIM IL SUNG,

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Comrades,

We have rung out 1971, the year shining with victory and glory, and are ringing in 1972, the New Year full of hope.

Greeting the New Year, I, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic, extend warm congratulations and greetings to you comrades present here and to the entire Korean people.

1971 was the first year in fulfilling the grand programme put forth by the Fifth Congress of our Party. Last year we worked to carry out the decision of the Fifth Congress of the Party with the main emphasis on the struggle for successful building of socialism in the northern half of the Republic, for giving active support to the south Korean people in their revolutionary struggle and strengthening our international solidarity with the revolutionary peoples the world over. Under the wise leadership of the Party our people achieved brilliant successes in all fields of the revolution and construction last year by displaying mass heroism and patriotic devotion.

Our people scored great results last year particularly in carrying out the three major tasks of technical revolution, the central task of socialist construction advanced by the Fifth Congress of the Party.

Our Party saw the main factor of the fulfilment of the three major tasks of technical revolution in the production of machine tools and concentrated on it in the first year battle of the Six-Year Plan. The heroic workers of the Chollima Huichon Machine-tool Plant, infinitely faithful to the Party, boldly undertook to refashion their equipment and actively automate production processes and thus performed a miracle of surpassing the annual production level of 10,000 machine tools, which startled the world people. Following the torchlight of technical innovation raised by the workers in Huichon, the Kusong Machine-tool Plant, the Mangyongdae Machine-tool Plant and all other machine-building factories brought about a great change in the production of machine tools.

Our heroic working class is now out for the last-stage charge in their struggle to turn out 30,000 machine tools before May Day this year. If we turn out 30,000 machine tools in a year, we will be able to expand important machine-building factories, further improve technical equipment in all fields of the national economy and reinforce the repair bases in various branches.

Last year a great change was brought about in the production of tractors and automobiles, too. The material and technical foundations of the tractor and automobile factories were further strengthened and their output increased markedly.

With great increase in the production of machine tools, tractors and automobiles, a big stride forward was made in introducing mechanization in the coal industry and other fields of mining industry and great progress was also made in the rural technical revolution. Besides, the technical equipment of the transport services was improved, transport capacity markedly increased and the material and technical foundations of the fishing industry further consolidated.

In 1971 we made a big breach in the fulfilment of the three major tasks of technical revolution. Through the struggle of the past year our people built the solid foundations for creditably carrying out the three major tasks of technical revolution set forth at the Fifth Congress of the Party, and gained firm confidence that victory can be certainly won in the solemn struggle for the fulfilment of those tasks.

With the development of the machine-building industry and other key branches of heavy industry, light industry made rapid progress. The new light industry factories were built up adequately, and production was put on a normal basis at the existing light industry factories. This provided the basis for producing and supplying various kinds of high-quality consumer goods in a larger quantity to our people.

In 1971 an unprecedentedly rich crop was harvested in agriculture by finishing rice-transplanting by May 25 with the active support of workers, office employees, students and soldiers and by doing all farm work effectively in good time. We also reinforced the foundations of livestock breeding to supply more subsidiary foodstuffs to the people.

Last year a great success was also scored in the field of the defence industry. The already-laid basis of the defence industry was further strengthened and production plan was overfulfilled at all munitions factories. As a result, we have become able to further augment our defence power which is of a self-defensive nature.

These successes made by our people in the economic construction of socialism and defence upbuilding in the past year are a great contribution to further consolidating the revolutionary base of the northern half of the Republic and promoting the revolution in south Korea and the independent reunification of the country.

The Central Committee of the Party is greatly satisfied with the magnificent successes achieved by our Party members and working people in their first year battle for carrying out the grand programme of socialist construction set forth at the Fifth Congress of the Party.

Looking back with pleasure upon 1971, a year full of creation and innovation, I convey my warm thanks to our heroic workers, co-operative farmers and all other working people who, by displaying the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance, have made great achievements on all fronts of socialist construction.

Last year our valiant officers and men of the People's Army and the People's Constabulary frustrated at every step the incessant military provocations of the enemy and firmly defended the security of the country and the people. Our Public Security personnel, exercising a high revolutionary vigilance, reliably guarded the gains of revolution from the subversive activities and sabotages of the enemy, and the Worker-Peasant Red Guardsmen and the Red Young Guardsmen actively took military and political trainings and further increased their combat readiness and fighting power.

Greeting the New Year, I extend wholehearted thanks and congratulations to the officers and men of our People's Army and People's Constabulary, to the Public Security personnel, Worker-Peasant Red Guardsmen and Red Young Guardsmen, who are firmly defending the security of the country and the gains of revolution.

In 1971 the south Korean people fought bravely against the fascist policy of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges for the peaceful reunification of the country. Broad sections of the south Korean people including workers and peasants fought stubbornly against the vicious machinations of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique to remain in office for a long time, and further stepped up their struggle for the right to existence and democratic freedom. The youth and students, without yielding to the harsh repression and terrorism by the enemy, waged a mass struggle against forcible military training and fascist suppression of campus. Last year, in particular, the broad democratic forces of south Korea formed the "National Council for Defending Democracy," a united front organization, and vigorously struggled against fascism for democracy.

The south Korean people dealt a heavy blow to U.S. imperialism and its stooges through their brave struggle and won a great victory.

In south Korea where the words peaceful reunification were a taboo in the past, people are now free to pronounce them, and the south Korean authorities that had been so doggedly opposed to national reunification and contact between the north and the south, found it unavoidable, though belated, to agree to hold preliminary talks between the Red Cross organizations of north and south Korea. This is a great victory won by the south Korean people in the struggle for democratic freedom and the peaceful reunification of the country.

I warmly congratulate the south Korean people upon their victory in the struggle for democratic freedom and the peaceful reunification of the country and extend my New Year greetings to all the workers, peasants, progressive intellectuals and youth and students of south Korea.

Last year the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) and the Korean nationals in Japan rallied closely around it, actively struggled for their democratic national rights and for the independent, peaceful reunification of the country. Particularly, the Chongryon organizations achieved a great success last year in their struggle to defend the right to conduct national education and further develop it. Further, the Koreans in Japan, united with the Japanese people, vigorously fought against the Japanese militarist scheme to resume aggression in south Korea and against the hostile policy of the Japanese reactionaries towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Greeting the New Year 1972, I extend warm congratulations and greetings to all the officials of the Chongryon and the 600,000 Korean nationals in Japan and to all other Koreans abroad.

In 1971 a great change took place in the international situation. The revolutionary struggle of the world people for peace, democracy, national independence and socialism was further intensified and the imperialists headed by the U.S. imperialists were hard hit in all parts of the world and got stuck inextricably in a bog.

First of all, the revolutionary peoples of Asia won a brilliant victory in the struggle against U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism. Our people and the peoples of China, Indochina, Japan and other countries of Asia firmly united and waged a vigorous anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle, thereby making the "Nixon doctrine" go under in Asia and dealing a heavy blow to the revival of Japanese militarism and its scheme for overseas aggression.

The Vietnamese, Laotian and Cambodian peoples, holding aloft the anti-U.S. banner for national salvation, heroically fought against U.S. imperialism and its minions last year. Through their valiant struggle the Indochinese peoples dealt a telling blow to the U.S. imperialist aggressors and made a great contribution to the common cause of the progressive people throughout the world for peace, national independence and socialism.

It was a major event in the world political life last year that the international position of the People's Republic of China, our fraternal neighbour, rose higher. The People's Republic of China restored its legitimate rights in the United Nations with the active support of many countries of the world and the Chiang Kai-shek clique was expelled from all the UN organizations last year. This is not only a triumph of the Chinese people but also a common victory for the progressive people of the world.

Last year the Japanese people made a great success in their struggle against the revival of Japanese militarism and its machination for overseas aggression. Particularly, the Japanese people and broad democratic forces of Japan stubbornly fought the hostile policy of the Japanese reactionaries against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and thus greatly contributed to developing the friendly relations between the peoples of Korea and Japan last year.

I warmly congratulate the Chinese, Vietnamese, Laotian, Cambodian, Japanese and other Asian peoples on their resplendent victories in the struggle for shattering the aggressive acts of the U.S. imperialists and Japanese militarists in Asia and against the adventurous "Nixon doctrine," and express militant solidarity for them.

Last year the heroic Cuban people daringly beat back the incessant acts of aggression and provocations of the U.S. imperialists and achieved great successes in the socialist revolution and building of socialism. The Chilean people who set out on building a new society fought vigorously to consolidate national independence and achieve social progress. And the peoples of Uruguay, Bolivia, Argentina and many other Latin-American countries waged energetic struggles against U.S. imperialism and pro-U.S. dictatorships. On the occasion of the New Year, I would like to convey my warm congratulations and greetings to the heroic people of Cuba, the Chilean people and all the progressive peoples of Latin America.

The Arab peoples fought dynamically last year against U.S. imperialism and its lackey, the Israeli aggressor, for the liberation of the occupied Arab territories. I warmly congratulate the Palestinian and other Arab peoples on their victories in the struggle against the U.S. imperialists and Israeli invaders, and wish the Arab peoples still greater success in their just struggle this year.

Last year the patriots of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea (Bissau) fought bravely in arms and dealt a heavy blow to the imperialists and colonialists. The peoples of many African countries made great progress in their struggle to build a new society. I would like to warmly congratulate and express militant solidarity for the African peoples who won brilliant victories in their struggle for national independence and social progress.

Thanks to our Party's correct foreign policy, the international solidarity of our revolution was further strengthened last year. Our revolution gained more supporters and sympathizers in many Asian, African and Latin-American countries, and an increasing number of revolutionary people of the world are extending active support and encouragement to our cause of national reunification.

Entering the New Year, I, on behalf of the entire Korean people, extend warm congratulations and greetings to the peoples of the socialist countries and the progressive people of all countries including newborn independent states who are supporting and encouraging our revolutionary cause.

Comrades,

This year we should consolidate the victories and achievements we have already gained and, at the same time, should continue to step up socialist construction vigorously in the northern half of our Republic, render active support and encouragement to the revolutionary struggle of the south Korean people and energetically struggle to strengthen our militant solidarity with the progressive people of the world, particularly the revolutionary peoples of Asia. By so doing, we should win a new, shining victory in socialist construction and expedite the peaceful reunification of the country—the greatest desire of the whole nation.

This year all our Party members and working people should wage a vigorous struggle, first of all, to successfully carry out the three major tasks of technical revolution set forth at the Fifth Congress of the Party and consolidate the material and technical foundations of socialism.

The most important thing in the successful fulfilment of the three major tasks of technical revolution is to rapidly increase the production of machine tools. This year we should continue to concentrate great efforts on their production, just as we did last year.

The workers in the machine-building industry should make another innovation in the production of machine tools, following the example of the Red machine-builders in Huichon, Kusong and Mangyongdae. Particularly, all the machine-tool factories, upholding the decision of the Third Plenary Meeting of the Fifth Party Central Committee, should launch a vigorous struggle to expand the assortment of machine tools and en-

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hance their quality. Thus, they should supply various types of good-quality machine tools in larger quantities to all branches of the national economy including the mining and engineering industries.

To rapidly increase the production of tractors and automobiles is one of the most important tasks facing the engineering industry. Only when we manufacture large numbers of tractors and automobiles and send them to the countryside, can we free the farmers from difficult and exhausting work, boost agricultural production quickly, and save agricultural work force and transfer the released manpower to industry. In the engineering industry, tractor and automobile factories should further expand their production capacity and enlist all reserves and possibilities to normalize production, and thus turn out more tractors and automobiles. By so doing we should bring the number of tractors per 100 *chongbo* of cultivated land to 3-4 and that of lorries to 0.5-1 within the next 2-3 years.

In order to widely introduce semi-automation and automation in different areas of the national economy according to the Party's line, electronic and automation industries should be rapidly developed. We should further expand and strengthen large-scale electronic and automation industry bases and, at the same time, build small and medium-sized automation gauge and instrument factories in many places through a mass movement.

One of the most vital problems in the successful carrying out of three major tasks of technical revolution is to produce and provide an adequate amount of steel and various other metal supplies. The mining and metallurgical industries should overfulfil without fail their production quotas on all indices, so that they fully meet the requirements of different sectors of the national economy for copper, tungsten, nickel and various other nonferrous metal supplies and for steel materials. In particular, they must unfailingly produce and supply steel needed for turning out machine tools, tractors and automobiles.

In the field of agriculture we should draw on last year's experiences in gathering a splendid harvest and take another big leap in agricultural production this year.

The key to the rapid growth of agricultural production is the vigorous promotion of the technical revolution in the countryside. We should continue an energetic struggle in agriculture to raise the levels of mechanization and chemicalization in its production and widely introduce the water-sprinkling system. While making a good use of the water-sprinkling system already established, we should further expand the area under this system and thus raise two-crops on a large scale. Along with this, positive efforts should be made to successfully improve seeds and produce good varieties suitable to the climate and soil of our country and extensively introduce various advanced methods of farming.

This year we should further strengthen the struggle for economy in all domains of the national economy. The entire people should resolutely struggle against wasteful practices and value and take good care of state and social properties. At all production units raw and other materials should be economized to the maximum and the standard of material consumption per unit of products lowered radically so that more is turned out with a less outlay of labour and raw and other materials.

To swiftly develop science and technology is an urgent task for the successful fulfilment of the programme of socialist economic construction put forward by the Party.

All the scientists and technicians must raise the science and technology of our country to a new, higher plane on the basis of firmly arming themselves with the Party's revolutionary idea of *Juche* and exert positive efforts particularly for the timely solution of the scientific and technical problems arising in the carrying out of the three major tasks of the technical revolution. Along with this, they must launch a vigorous drive for technical innovations among the broad masses of producers and organize technological studies widely to elevate the technical and skill levels of the working people as a whole.

An important task facing the educational field is to further improve and strengthen the educational work on the basis of the socialist principles of pedagogy set forth by our Party and make good preparations for introducing universal compulsory 10-year education in the near future. The educational workers must make perfect preparations on the basis of successes and experiences already gained for compulsory 10-year education to be made universal within a few years ahead.

Literary and artistic workers are faced with an honourable task to continue to thoroughly implement the Party's policy on literature and art and make our literature and art into models of genuinely revolutionary ones of our times. Last year the Red literary and artistic fighters of the Party put out many fine revolutionary works of literature and art with rich ideological content and high artistical quality, so that they made a great contribution to the work of elevating the revolutionary consciousness of the popular masses and revolutionizing and working-classizing them. This year the writers and artists must put out more fine revolutionary works of literature and art to implant in the working people an infinite hatred for imperialism and the landlord and capitalist classes, an ardent love of the socialist system and a firm conviction in the communist future, and inspire them forcefully to the revolutionary struggle and construction work.

We must step up the work of revolutionizing and working-classizing the whole society through an intensified ideological revolution.

This year, too, we must strengthen the all-Party, all-army, all-people and all-nation system of study for all Party members and working people to arm themselves closely with Marxism-Leninism and the revolutionary ideas of our Party and hold fast to their revolutionary posts. At the same time, a vigorous struggle should be waged among the Party members and the working people to strengthen their organizational life, so that they all faithfully participate in their organizational life in the Party and working people's organizations. In this manner, all Party members and working people should temper themselves in a revolutionary way and become revolutionaries who are true to organization and abide by revolutionary discipline willingly. Particularly, cadres must enhance their Party spirit, working-class spirit and popular spirit, so that they thoroughly advocate and carry out the Party's lines and policies and make themselves a model for the masses in all work.

The Fifth Congress of our Party set forth a number of important tasks to obliterate the distinctions in the working people's living standards and bring about a systematic improvement in the livelihood of all the working people. We should successfully fulfil these honourable tasks set forth by the Party by waging an active struggle in all fields this year and thus bring out more clearly the superiority of socialist system in our country and the might of our socialist industrial state.

The counties should be built up well as supply centres for the farm villages, and the introduction of bus services and water supply be further promoted in the countryside, so that inconveniences in the daily life of the rural population are removed quickly. Large numbers of dwelling houses should be built in town and country to give a greater satisfaction to the housing needs of the working people, and the health of the working people be further promoted through the improvement of public health work. Particularly, we should bring about a new change in the production of consumer goods by putting emphasis on the textile, footwear, food, daily necessaries and other light industry branches and on the chemical industry this year, thereby raising the general living standards of the working people markedly.

To carry on economic construction and defence upbuilding simultaneously is the revolutionary line which our Party should continue to follow undeviatingly at the present time. We should vigorously promote the economic construction of socialism and, at the same time, concentrate great efforts on the work of reinforcing the nation's defence capability this year as well.

We must continue to thoroughly carry out the Party's military line for making the People's Army a cadre army and modernizing it, putting the entire people under arms and turning the whole country into a fortress, and make complete preparations in all sectors so that we can cope with any surprise attack of the enemy.

The officers and men of the People's Army and the People's Constabulary should energetically take military and political trainings and thus increase the combat readiness and fighting capacity of their units in every way.

In the defence industry more and better new military equipments should be turned out on the basis of the successes already achieved.

By carrying out all these tasks successfully this year, we should reinforce the revolutionary base of the northern half of the Republic in terms of politics, economy, culture and military, so that a sure guarantee is provided for safeguarding the revolutionary gains from the invasion of foreign aggressors and hastening the peaceful reunification of the country.

Comrades,

The aspirations of the entire people in north and south Korea for peaceful reunification are growing more than ever today. At Panmunjom representatives of the north and south Korean Red Cross organizations met for the first time in the 26 years after liberation to discuss the important question of alleviating the distress of our fellow countrymen living separated from each other in the north and the south. The entire people in north and south Korea are very glad that such contact between the north and the south has been materialized, though belated, and are unanimous in expressing the hope that the talks pave the sure way for pulling down the barriers between the north and the south and materializing the peaceful reunification of the country.

Precisely at this juncture the reactionaries and rulers in south Korea have proclaimed the so-called state of emergency pleading the non-existent "threat of aggression from the north" as their excuse and have gone into fascist tyranny against the south Korean people. Those bandits are of late fabricating all sorts of notorious fascist laws every day, suppressing all the elementary democratic liberties such as of speech, the press, assembly and association and keeping the south Korean society constantly in a state of unrest and fear. A few days ago they rigged up a monstrous fascist law entitled "special law on measures for national security" in face of a strong objection from the opposition parties and the public. Such fascist acts of the south Korean reactionaries against the unanimous aspirations of the whole nation and the trend of the times are aimed primarily at suppressing the ever-growing tendency towards peaceful reunification among the south Korean people and frustrating contacts and negotiations between the north and the south.

Originally, the present puppet rulers in south Korea are the military gangsters who usurped the "power" by force of arms with the backing of the U.S. imperialists to hold back the trend towards peaceful reunification which was growing rapidly among the south Korean people following the April 19 Popular Uprising of 1960. After they assumed power as puppets, they put up such ostentatious slogans as "independence," "rehabilitation" and "modernization" in their attempt to deceive the south Korean people, but their true colours have been revealed long since in the eyes of the public. Over the past ten years south Korea has travelled not the way to "independence" but to complete dependence, not the way to "rehabilitation" and "modernization" but to total bankruptcy and ruin.

The south Korean puppet clique have lapsed into a serious political and economic crisis past retrieve and this gives them an ever-growing unrest and despair. Though they are trying to find a way out of the blind alley by means of proclaiming the so-called state of emergency and starting a new fascist tyranny, this is no more than the death-bed struggle of the doomed.

The south Korean puppet clique are making noise about the fictitious "threat of aggression from the north" while declaring a "state of emergency," and this is an extremely underhand action to deceive the south Korean people and the world public and beg their masters for a few more weapons and a few more dollars. The trend of history will never leave unchecked such a cowardly behaviour of traitors to the nation and the fraudulent trick of those bandits will hoodwink nobody.

Recently the south Korean puppet clique are in the habit of clamouring that since we have completed war preparations, we will start invasion soon. True, we are building up our defence power. But it is by no means that we aim to solve the question of national reunification by force of arms. It is to defend the country and nation and safeguard our socialist gains from the aggression of the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists.

Our armed forces are entirely for self-defence.

The power of the proletarian dictatorship will resist by employing force only when the imperialists, reactionary classes and counter-revolutionary elements use force against the revolution. This is the universal principle of Marxism-Leninism and a guide to action for the Government of our Republic. Therefore, it is nothing but an absurd, false propaganda that the south Korean puppet clique are clamouring about the "threat of aggression from the north."

As facts show, no one is fooled now by the mendacious propaganda of the south Korean puppet clique. Rather, their fraudulent propaganda and fascist suppression fuss arouse great indignation and protest among the south Korean people and world people. Even some of the reactionary ruling circles and reptile press in the United States and Japan say that the proclamation of the "state of emergency" in south Korea is just a political trick invented due to the internal situation and an attempt to tide over social crisis rather than the threat of southward intrusion. A Western press reported that the declaration of the "state of emergency" by the south Korean rulers is not due to the "threat of aggression from the north" but to many problems to be solved internally, and that it aims to smother the ever-growing discontent of the south Korean people caused by the acute economic crisis and suppress the demonstration struggle of the youth and students, the protest of the intellectuals and the resistance of the opposition parties.

The south Korean puppet clique should no longer entertain the foolish hope that the U.S. imperialists and Japanese militarists deliver them from ruin. The times and circumstances have changed. The days are gone when the U.S. imperialists decided the internal affairs of other countries at their discretion; they have long been on the decline where they cannot escape the doom. The U.S. imperialists are now in a serious political and economic crisis at home and standing in total international isolation. The Sato clique of Japan is also staggering because of the discord within the ruling circles and the strong anti-government struggle of the broad sectors of the popular masses. In the last analysis, there is little difference between the positions of the south Korean puppet clique and those of its masters. Just as they were unable to relieve from ruin the Chiang Kai-shek gang of Taiwan and Thieu band of South Viet Nam, the U.S. imperialists and the Sato clique of Japan will never be able to save the south Korean puppet clique.

Even now when the situation is taking such a turn, the south Korean puppet clique keep clinging to the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists in their efforts to maintain their puppet rule. They are begging U.S. imperialism not to "reduce" its aggressive armed forces in south Korea; the latter, finding itself in a scrape, is paying lip-service to "cutback." They are ushering in even the Japanese militarist aggressive forces, which are entering south Korea again. Such traitorous acts of the south Korean puppet clique against the nation only help to hasten their own ruin.

Furthermore, the south Korean puppet clique are dreaming of "reunification by prevailing over communism" with the backing of the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists. This is really a ridiculous nonsense.

History has already furnished an ample proof that nothing can destroy communism. The communist movement has over 100 years of history, counting only from the Paris Commune. All the imperialists and their lackeys have opposed communism, but so far none of them have succeeded in destroying it.

The successive puppet rulers of south Korea, too, without exception, have made every desperate attempt to oppose communism under the slogan of anti-communism. But communism, far from being destroyed in our country, has rather gained in scope and strength with each passing day. In the northern half of the Republic communist ideology became an absolutely dominant ideology long ago, and has turned into a great material force in all fields of politics, economy, culture and military. Communist ideology has struck deep roots even in the hearts of many south Korean revolutionaries and people. Such being the situation now, it is quite clear that south Korean puppet clique's dream of "reunification by prevailing over communism" is under no circumstances likely to come true.

The south Korean puppet clique must face the stern reality of today. If they do not renounce the outdated way of thinking that they are following now but persist in the dirty act of betraying the country and the nation, going against the historical trend, they will not be able to find a way out. If the south Korean rulers want to find some way out, they should not resort to the sordid trickery as they are doing now but should honestly admit their crimes even now, stop their acts of selling out the country and the nation to the U.S. imperialists and Japanese militarists, discontinue their fascist suppression of the south Korean people at once and respond to the earnest call of the Government of our Republic to realize peaceful reunification through negotiations between the Koreans themselves.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has advanced time and again the most fair and reasonable proposals for the independent peaceful reunification of the country. Last year alone, the Government of the Republic put forward 8-point proposals for peaceful reunification at the Fifth Session of the Fourth Supreme People's Assembly; particularly in our speech on August 6, we once again clarified our readiness to make contact at any time with all political parties, including the Democratic Republican Party, social organizations and individual personalities in south Korea. All our proposals and suggestions for the independent peaceful reunification of the country have enthusiastic support and response from the broad sectors of the people and personalities from various strata in south Korea, to say nothing of the people in the northern half of the Republic. The south Korean rulers, too, must have the courage to respond to our fair and just proposals, keeping abreast of this nation-wide trend. This will be the only correct act befitting them as Koreans. And only when they do this, I suppose, will the south Korean puppet rulers be able to redeem themselves even in some measure from the crimes they have committed against the country and the people, though a little too late, and find a way out to save themselves.

If even now the south Korean rulers renounce their reliance on the outside forces and depart from the road of treachery to the nation and return to the position truly Korean, we will not ask about their past but will peacefully settle the question of national reunification with them.

In future too, our Party and the Government of the Republic will continue to advocate the independent peaceful reunification of the country and make every effort for its materialization. But if the south Korean puppet clique do not respond to us in spite of our patient efforts, but keep following the road of betraying the nation, they will ruin themselves without redeeming their crimes as traitors forever.

U.S. imperialism is on the decline today, but its aggressive nature remains unchanged and it continues its death-bed struggle. The signboard of "peace" put up by the U.S. imperialists is nothing but a screen to mislead people. Nixon is a rascal more vicious and crafty than anyone else. The U.S. imperialists do not give up their wild ambition to perpetuate our country's split and make south Korea their permanent colony. They instigate the south Korean puppet clique to continue with aggressive provocations against the northern half of the Republic. And the Japanese militarists revived by U.S. imperialism openly reveal their wild design to invade our country again. The Japanese militarists, the "shock force" of U.S. imperialism, are fully prepared to take part in an aggressive war against our country and are watching for a chance of aggression all the time.

Under these conditions all the people in north and south Korea should sharpen their vigilance against the aggressive manoeuvring of the U.S. imperialists and Japanese militarists. Our people can never allow the U.S. imperialists and Japanese militarists to rob them of their country and become slaves for the latter, and repeat the disgraceful history of 1910 when their country was lost. The entire Korean people, irrespective of different political views and religious beliefs, should unite firmly under the banner of the country's defence and independent reunification, and wage an active struggle to frustrate the manoeuvres of U.S. imperialists and Japanese militarists for aggression.

Even those who committed crimes against the country and the nation in the past should turn out valiantly in a nation-wide struggle against the aggression of the U.S. imperialists and Japanese militarists and for the independent reunification of the country, thereby making up for their crimes. If they want to atone for their crimes against the nation, the south Korean rulers should also join in this struggle. They should struggle to drive out the U.S. imperialists, instead of imploring them not to pull out of south Korea, and should not try to usher in the Japanese militarists into south Korea but should fight to smash their manoeuvres for resumption of aggression.

If all the people in the north and the south wage a struggle in firm, monolithic unity, they will be fully able to frustrate the invasion of any imperialists. If the U.S. imperialists and Japanese militarists dare to unleash a war of aggression in our country, the entire north and south Korean people will unite and fight a showdown battle against the enemies, annihilate the aggressors completely and reunify the divided country.

This year the Chongryon organizations and all the Korean nationals in Japan should continue a vigorous struggle to actively protect all the policies of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic, defend the democratic national rights and further advance national education. The Korean nationals in Japan should fight unyieldingly to expedite the peaceful reunification of the homeland. In firm unity with the Japanese people and broad democratic forces of Japan, they should unfold a dynamic struggle against the Japanese militarists' manoeuvres to reinvade south Korea and the hostile policy of the Japanese reactionaries towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. In particular, the Korean nationals in Japan should smash up the splitting acts and all the subversive activities of the U.S. and Japanese reactionaries and the factionalists, further consolidate their ranks, rally themselves closely around the Chongryon and wage a vigorous struggle.

The international situation is now developing in favour of the revolutionary cause of our people. The anti-imperialist, revolutionary forces of the world are growing in scope and strength with each passing day; more and more countries actively support and encourage our people in their struggle for independent, peaceful reunification.

Our Party and the Government of the Republic will, this year too, try hard to strengthen their militant solidarity with the revolutionary peoples of the world and promote the relations of friendship and co-operation with the peoples of all the countries supporting our people's righteous struggle. In particular, we will unfold a powerful joint struggle against the U.S. and Japanese imperialists and their stooges, in firm unity with the peoples in China, Indochina, Japan and other Asian countries. By so doing, we will smash up the U.S. imperialists' notorious "Nixon doctrine" and the Japanese militarists' machination for overseas aggression, thus safeguarding peace in Asia and the rest of the world and bringing about a more favourable turn in our people's cause of independent, peaceful reunification.

Comrades,

The New Year 1972 will be a year of great importance in the revolutionary struggle and construction work of our people. This year we will take another big stride forward in our endeavour to carry out the magnificent programme of socialist construction set forth at the Fifth Congress of the Party and open up clear vistas for the peaceful reunification of the country. The cause of our revolution will be ever-victorious so long as there is the correct leadership of our Party and all the people unswervingly support and defend its lines and policies and fight devotedly to implement them.

Let all of us rally closely around the Party Central Committee and strive more energetically for the successful fulfilment of the Six-Year Plan, the peaceful reunification of the country and the acceleration of the bright communist future.

Paekdu-san—Sacred Mountain of Revolution

We Wish the Leader a Long Life

Our people, who live under the advanced socialist system free from exploitation and oppression, meaningfully observe the New Year's Day every year.

The New Year 1972 has dawned. Greeting this happy occasion, our people look back with deep emotions over the New Year's festivals the respected and beloved Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, celebrated together with the men of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army during the anti-Japanese armed struggle.

In those days it was usual that the Leader spent the New Year's Day in the thick of bloody battle against the Japanese imperialists.

But in 1936 it happened that he was observing with his guerilla fighters the New Year's festival without engaging enemy troops. Just then, a Korean People's Revolutionary Army unit was staying in a village near Kwandi under his personal command while on the expedition to northern Manchuria.

The villagers felt it an utmost honour to spend the New Year's Day with General Kim Il Sung and busied themselves preparing nice presents for the guerillas—pork, rice-cake, wine and what not.

Having learned this, the guerillas were highly elated as if seeing in the New Year at home. They lent a helping hand to the villagers, conducted brisk political work among them and made haste with their jobs.

At the time, Comrade Commander came down to the village from the Headquarters.

Looking round the village, he saw with deep care how the people were faring and exchanged talks with old folks.

An elderly man said to Comrade Commander:

"Due to the pillage of the Japanese imperialists and local bandits we have got nothing left. True, we have led a life no better than death. But now you, General Kim Il Sung, have come to us that we shall be able to sleep in peace at night, and it seems to me as though I would fill out without eating."

Tears of emotion welled up in the eyes of the elderly man as he spoke.

The elderly man continued in a choked voice:

"They say a happy day is the day when one has an honoured guest. Now you, General Kim Il Sung, have arrived at our village. This is the first great festive day for me in my life, nay, for all of the villagers as well. A few days after we will be greeting the New Year's Day. So, every family is going to prepare plenty of dishes for the New Year celebration with all sincerity to spend the holiday with you, General. Please be so kind as to celebrate the New Year's festival together with us without any reserve...."

Comrade Commander highly praised the people of the village for their sincerity and then earnestly told them that it was a good thing to celebrate the New Year joyously but they must not waste food for the guerillas.

But old folks asked Comrade Commander over and over again to celebrate the New Year together with them, adding that they should not spare anything for the army unit led by General Kim Il Sung.

After a chat with villagers, Comrade Commander looked round all companies and conversed with the guerillas to read their hearts.

Comrade Commander who was lost in a deep thought for a while rose from his seat and went back to the Headquarters.

A little later, an order was given to the whole unit to get ready promptly for a march.

"What could be the matter?"

"Could it be that enemies turned up?"

All wondered and hurried to fit themselves up for the march.

The guerillas bid farewell to the village folks.

The people expressed their deep regret that they could not celebrate the New Year together with the unit.

An old man took hold of guerillas' hands and wouldn't let them go, saying:

"So, you are really leaving now... I am afraid that we might have been somewhat rude to you. If not so, why your sudden departure?"

Saying goodbye to the old people who were reluctant to part with them, the guerillas explained to them that they found it obliged to leave for some reasons.

But the old folks followed after the guerillas, grasping their hands. They said:

"We cannot stop your departure, for it's a thing you, armymen, do. But it is regrettable to part with you, indeed. If you think of our sincerity, how can you set off just on the eve of New Year Day?..."

The guerillas, too, were loath to take leave of the village folks. All the more so for those who had newly joined the ranks of guerillas.

It was after dusk that the unit reached a place in the depths of dense forests near Huangnihotzu.

Here, Comrade Commander called a halt.

And he instructed the guerillas to repair the deserted log cottages once used by lumberjacks and lay out billeting quarters to pass the night.

Only then, the guerillas could guess that he had something meaningful in his mind when he had ordered them to leave the village at once for a march.

Comrade Commander came near the campfire around which guerillas were gathered and sat face to face with them before he said to this effect:

...A holiday brings joy to everyone. On such a day people should naturally find themselves in a position to wear fine clothes, take nice food and have jolly talks with each other. But how many people are there who can really enjoy this festive occasion in that way, now that the Japanese imperialists and landlords are present in Korea and in northeast Manchuria?

First of all, look at the way the inhabitants of the village near Kwandi where we have been staying until today are living. Except a few landlords, was there even a single man who could claim he was well off? Most of the villagers are shabbily dressed, without a change of clothes, and they do not have enough food to eat for the next meal. Tomorrow will be New Year's Day. But how many children are there who can afford a new suit and how many old people are there who can drink even a glass of wine on the morning of the New Year's Day? There are few. Some people, already left without provisions, find it hard to eat even gruel. There were many who went to the landlords' in a hope to borrow meagre quarts of kaoliang or millet. But what they were offered was only insults. They had to return with empty bags.

Nevertheless, the villagers wanted to slaughter pigs, make dumplings and buy wine for us. We must just think of this. It is true that their active support and assistance for us, their eagerness to share the New Year festivities with us, their readiness to feast us with delicacies were all an expression of their sincerity. But was that what we should be entertained with? Can we take the meals they serve for us and enjoy the New Year celebrations without qualm, knowing that some of them had nothing to eat now? If we, not one or two in number, stayed there even for a day we would have imposed a heavy burden on the villagers....

Comrade Commander paused a moment and then asked one of his men:

"What is your opinion, comrade?"

The guerilla fighter remained silent, with his head down.

"What do other comrades say to this?" Comrade Commander questioned as he looked around at the guerillas.

The more they thought of the lofty intention of Comrade Commander, the more deeply they felt the pangs of remorse. For they had simply considered it a joy to spend the New Year with the village folks. They all hung their heads in silence.

After waiting for their reply a while, Comrade Commander continued. He told them in the following vein:

Ours is an army equipped with Marxist-Leninist ideology, and we are the true sons and daughters of the people. We are fighters who do not hesitate to sacrifice our lives for the country and the people. The inexhaustible source of our might is that we are one in body and spirit with the people, sharing weal and woe with them.

Therefore, we must be always quick and tactful in action. But, above all, we must respect the people wherever we go, regard their interests as preciously as our own lives, endure all difficulties and hardships and live in the spirit of sharing joy with the people and going hand in hand with them. Herein lie our real happiness, pride and hope....

The earnest teaching of Comrade Commander made the guerillas repent more bitterly of their mistakes.

The night was already far advanced and now the meal was ready. Their arrangements for the New Year festival were over, so to speak. But their feasts consisted of simple cooked millet.

While eating it, the guerillas spent a pleasant time on the New Year's Day.

At the sight of their enjoyment, Comrade Commander said to the following effect:

...We are now seeing out the old year, a full-significant year of victory, and welcoming in the New Year. Our meal is no more than several spoonfuls of boiled millet, but for us this meal is as good as dainties of all lands and seas.

We fight for the liberation of the country and the building of a new society, enjoying the warm love of the people everywhere we go. Then how can we allow ourselves to be troubled over the matter of a meal?... We have before us many a gala day and many a happy New Year day to greet with the people in our liberated land in the future. We have to fight with this confidence....

With these remarks, he took up his spoon.

Through such an arduous struggle, he liberated our fatherland from the colonial yoke of Japanese imperialism. Now, he shows all care for our people to enjoy every New Year's festival to the full. Further, he personally call on workers, peasants, servicemen, bereaved families, or returnees from Japan to spend the New Year's Day joyously with them.

With the advent of the New Year 1972, our people are firmly resolved to rally themselves closer around the Leader who has brought them the present-day happiness and to wage a stauncher struggle, following the straight path of victory indicated by him, and respectfully wish him a long life.

Pak Sol

Foreign Publications Give Wide Publicity to "Mrs. Kang Ban Sok, Mother of the Great Leader of Korea"

Publications of various countries of the world are giving wide publicity to "Mrs. Kang Ban Sok, Mother of the Great Leader of Korea", dealing with the life and revolutionary activities of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok who fought devotedly for the restoration of the fatherland and the emancipation of women.

According to foreign press reports, the Burmese paper **Rangoon Nesing Dedingsa** printed the full text of "Mrs. Kang Ban Sok, Mother of the Great Leader of Korea."

The paper respectfully carried photographs showing the early revolutionary activities of the respected and beloved Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, and the revolutionary activities of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok.

A recent issue of the Iraqi journal **Alashio** carried the full text of "Mrs. Kang Ban Sok Is the Mother of Korea Who Brought Up Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Great Leader of Our People," the third part of "Mrs. Kang Ban Sok, Mother of the Great Leader of Korea."

The journal respectfully carried a portrait of the great mother of Korea, Mrs. Kang Ban Sok.

National Meeting of Teachers Held in the Presence of Comrade KIM IL SUNG, the Respected and Beloved Leader

A national meeting of teachers was held at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang from December 24 to 27 last.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the Workers' Party of Korea and the entire Korean people, attended the meeting.

On the platform was a respectfully-placed portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, a great Marxist-Leninist and the genius of revolution, who opened the door of learning wide before our people and has always led our revolution confidently along the one road of victory and glory.

Present at the meeting were functionaries of the Party and government organs, working people's organizations and central organs, teachers of schools at all levels and workers of pedagogical research institutions.

At 4 p.m. on the 24th, **the respected and beloved Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, appeared on the platform** to the loud strains of welcome music.

All the attendants rose to their feet and warmly welcomed the fatherly Leader and extended deep thanks and utmost glory to him with stormy cheers of "Long live Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader!" and prolonged, thunderous applause, which rocked the meeting hall.

Amid the roaring shouts of *manse* (hurrah) shaking the hall, women teachers presented Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and the entire Korean people and the benevolent father of our teachers, youth and children, with a basket of fragrant flowers carrying the infinite reverence of the attendants and all the teachers of our country.

The platform was also taken by Comrades Choi Yong Kun, Kim Il, Pak Sung Chul, O Jin U, Kim Dong Gyu, So Chol and Kim Jung Rin, and Department Directors of the Central Committee of the Party, Ministers of the Cabinet, cadres of working people's organizations, responsible functionaries of educational institutions and model teachers.

When the opening address was over, the Patriotic Song was played.

A silk banner sent from the Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and the entire Korean people and the benevolent father of the 600,000 compatriots in Japan, in honour of the meeting, was presented to the Leader amid resounding applause.

Then, a message of greetings to the meeting from the GAKRJ Central Standing Committee was read out amid loud applause.

At the meeting Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and the entire Korean people, gave a programmatic teaching. He referred to the need to found socialist pedagogy and educate and train the youth and children, the successors to the revolution, in a socialist and communist way after the establishment of the socialist system and made a profound, scientific and theoretical exposition of the essential content of socialist pedagogy. And he explicitly set forth the militant tasks to be carried out by the teachers who are the honourable revolutionaries in charge of the first process of work in revolutionizing and working-classizing the whole society and capturing the material and ideological fortresses of communism—the tasks of thoroughly putting into practice the principles of socialist pedagogy to bring up younger generation into reliable continuers of our revolution firmly equipped with the revolutionary world outlook and to train a big army of more than one million intellectuals for the country in the near future. At the same time he indicated a clear-cut way of implementing the tasks.

The programmatic teaching of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, moved the attendants immensely and inspired them vigorously to a new victory.

When the Leader finished his speech, the attendants of the meeting all rose from their seats and sent up the stormy cheers of "Long live Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader!" and gave ceaseless, thunderous applause to express their boundless thanks to the sagacious Leader, who has always led our people to victory and glory, happiness and prosperity, clearly shown the educationists the way ahead and looked after them with a fatherly affection, and to manifest their adamant determination to carry through the programmatic teaching of the Leader so as to rear the younger generation into reliable successors to the revolution firmly armed with the revolutionary world outlook.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the benevolent father of our teachers, posed for a photograph together with all the attendants of the meeting.

At the meeting Comrade Pak Sung Chul, Second Vice-Premier of the Cabinet, made a report entitled "Let us fulfil the programmatic tasks set by the great Leader of the revolution, Comrade Kim Il Sung, before the domain of education at the Fifth Congress of our Party and thoroughly embody the principles of socialist pedagogy."

Many took part in the discussion at the meeting.

All the speakers referred in detail to the fact that from the first days of his embarking on the road of the revolution bearing the destiny of the fatherland and the nation on his shoulders, the great Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, considered the education of the rising generation one of the important components of the revolutionary work and one of the fundamental questions decisive of the fate of the revolution and clearly indicated the orientation and ways for the development of popular education in each stage of the revolution and directed great care to this work. Pointing out that thanks to the wise leadership of the Leader our country has now earned a brilliant fame in the world as a country of education where all the people study, the speakers offered, out of their intense loyalty, the highest honour and gratitude to Comrade Kim Il Sung, a great Marxist-Leninist and the genius of revolution, who opened a broad way of learning before our people and is leading our revolution straightly along the one road of victory.

The *Juche*-based educational idea, especially socialist pedagogy, founded by the Leader is a priceless ideological, theoretical and practical wealth which assures a bright prospect of our education work and its shining success, the speakers stressed. They evinced their determination to make a new advance in the education of the rising generation and the training of national cadres by observing the principles of socialist pedagogy more strictly in practice.

At the meeting, **a letter of pledge to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and the entire Korean people, was adopted amid thunderous applause,** as a token of the ardent loyalty of the entire attendants determined to carry out with credit the programmatic teaching of the Leader to live up to his deep trust and great expectation.

An appeal to the teachers in south Korea and a letter to the Korean educational workers in Japan were adopted with unanimity.

The whole proceeding of the national meeting of teachers in which all the teachers and people showed deep interest with great expectation, convincingly reaffirmed the validity and invincible vitality of the great Marxist-Leninist *Juche* idea founded by the Leader and of his idea on socialist pedagogy.

At the same time, it powerfully demonstrated the burning loyalty and high revolutionary grit of our Red educationists who will continue to forge ahead vigorously along the one road of victory indicated by the Leader, rallied rock-firm as ever around him, and dedicate their all to the worthy revolutionary struggle for revolutionizing, working-classizing and communizing the younger generation.

The entire attendants of the meeting renewed their firm resolve to embody comprehensively and thoroughly the principles of socialist pedagogy in all realms of the education work under the uplifted revolutionary banner of the immortal *Juche* idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, in order to train the rising generation excellently as the reliable successors to our revolution and carry to splendid fulfilment the militant tasks set forth by the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, and thus repay the Leader's deep trust and expectation with loyalty.

All Your Victories Owe to the Wise Leadership of the Great Leader, Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Excerpts from the Remarks Made by the Foreigners Who Visited Our Country Last Year

Great Leader Leading the People to Victory

I would like to express my admiration for the great feats performed by Comrade Kim Il Sung, and warmly congratulate the Korean people on having the outstanding Leader who leads them unswervingly to victory.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Leader of the Korean people, has fought for the freedom and happiness of his people and for the victory of socialism for more than 40 years. He established the revolutionary traditions in the course of the anti-Japanese armed struggle.

Comrade Kim Il Sung founded the Workers' Party of Korea in 1945 on the basis of the organizational and ideological preparations he had made in the days of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, in order to follow up the victory in the revolution.

Moreover, he founded the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and led the Korean people to victory in the Fatherland Liberation War against U.S. imperialist aggression. Thus, he safeguarded the sovereignty of the country and the honour of the courageous Korean people....

Comrade Kim Il Sung advanced the line of giving priority to the growth of heavy industry and simultaneously developing light industry and agriculture, with a view to rehabilitating the war-ravaged country and building an independent national economy in the postwar period....

All these great achievements made in the socialist revolution and socialist construction are ascribable to the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung and to the devoted labour efforts of the heroic Korean people armed with his *Juche* idea. (Carles Altamirano Orrego, General Secretary of the Socialist Party of Chile)

Juche-Oriented Line, One-Beats-A-Hundred Spirit

A wealth of your historical experiences are instructive to us, and greatly inspire us in our struggle....

Your victories owe to the correct leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

He applied in a brilliant way the universal principles of Marxism-Leninism in conformity with his *Juche*-oriented line.

Following this line, the masses gave play to their creativity and struggled in the one-beats-a-hundred spirit. This was how they grew to be the giants who built factories and towns on the ruins.

The practice of the Korean people showed us how a large, formidable enemy is to be fought down by a small weak people. (Samora Moises Michel, President of the Liberation Front of Mozambique and Supreme Commander of the Liberation Army of Mozambique)

Wise Leadership

Yours is a real socialist country. It has rapidly developed onto so high a plane as to surpass all our imagination.

What have brought you so splendid victories in a short time?

They are, needless to say, your people's struggle, the successful organizational work of your Party and your unity and cohesion. What is more important is the wise leadership of the respected and beloved Leader, Marshal Kim Il Sung.

You are closely united around the Leader and the Party, and this provides a guarantee for winning fresher victories in the future.

That you have waged a legendary struggle against U.S. imperialism and won victory is a pride of peoples of the whole world.

I wish to express the feelings of friendship and respect to Marshal Kim Il Sung, who always leads your people and clearly points to the way for them to follow. (Abdelaziz Bouteflika, Member of the National Council of Revolution and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic and People's Republic of Algeria)

Inexhaustible Source of Revolutionary Wisdom

During our short stay we could clearly see what kind of achievement the self-sacrificing, resolute Korean people had made in so brief a period of time under the wise, pre-eminent leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Your success and struggle serve as a beacon fire that lights up the path ahead of our revolution and construction and as a fountainhead of inspiration to us.

During our stay in your country we saw that you, following the great *Juche* idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, have developed, with empty hands and by will power, your country into a socialist industrial state in so short a span of time.

The teachings of Comrade Kim Il Sung, your sagacious Leader, represent the inexhaustible source of revolutionary wisdom and principle for us. (Omar Arteh Ghalib, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Somali Democratic Republic)

Immortal Feats

We came to know well in admiration the original and brilliant leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great fatherly Leader of the entire Korean people, and his immortal feats performed in the struggles against the Japanese and U.S. imperialists.

The guerilla strategy and tactics formulated by Comrade Kim Il Sung in the years of the anti-Japanese armed struggle are of weighty significance in our struggle in South Africa. If our organization applies them creatively, it will certainly hasten the day of our people's liberation.

The South African National Congress reaffirms that it is giving full support to the eight-point programme for Korea's reunification, and demands the complete withdrawal of the U.S. imperialists from south Korea and the immediate cessation of all the aggressive and provocative acts against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. (Alfred Nzo, General Secretary of the South African National Congress)

"The Sun Rising from Mangyongdae"

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the organizer of all your victories and your great Leader, is "the sun rising from Mangyongdae," as written by a poet.

The rays of revolution shed by him spread all over, going far beyond the boundary of Korea, and his ideas give light to us Colombian people and inspire us with the conviction and optimism about a final victory in the struggle for routing imperialism....

We...were received by Comrade Kim Il Sung and had an opportunity to hear directly his wise, revolutionary words.

We have clearly seen why the Korean people should love and long for him.

We have realized that Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great revolutionary, is a personage of dignity who deserves affection and adoration from all the revolutionaries and people the world over. (Gilberto Zapata Isaza, First Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Colombia)

Symbol of Impregnable Strength and Tenacity

Creation and innovation originate precisely in extraordinary genius.

Comrade Premier Kim Il Sung, the Marshal, a great man of the 20th century and a great man of Korea and entire humanity, grew up in the thick of the arduous struggle, and has led the revolution along the one road of victory.

Premier Kim Il Sung is a great character of the present age. He is a symbol of the impregnable strength and tenacity that can beat down all the enemies. He is a tender-hearted and broad-minded person.

He is the very genius-of-mankind.

Thanks to his being, Korea shines as bright as the moon.

Premier Kim Il Sung advanced the new ideas combining theory with practice, and systematized them.

His revolutionary greatness is clearly reflected in his works and literature. His works terrify the enemy and invigorate the friends.

The *Juche* idea has become the principle in our blissful world. It is a living indicator for the peoples who are determined to carry out the revolution in real earnest. (Mamdouh el Abdallah, Parliamentarian of the Republic of Lebanon and Chairman of the Agricultural Committee to the Parliament)

Report Delivered at National Meeting of Teachers

by Comrade Pak Sung Chul, Second Vice Premier of the Cabinet

At a national meeting of teachers, Comrade Pak Sung Chul, Second Vice-Premier of the Cabinet, delivered the report "Let us fulfil the programmatic tasks set by the great Leader of the revolution, Comrade Kim Il Sung, before the domain of education at the Fifth Congress of our Party and thoroughly embody the principles of socialist pedagogy."

The reporter said that our teachers were greatly honoured by the presence at the national meeting of teachers of the fatherly Leader whom they always adore from the bottom of their hearts.

The reporter recalled that in his historic report to the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, gave correctest theoretical and practical answers to questions raised anew by our time and awaiting solution and advanced a militant programme for further developing the education of the younger generation and the training of national cadres to meet the demands of socialist and communist construction.

The reporter quoted the following teaching of the respected and beloved Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung:

"Educational work is a very worthy work and a most honourable revolutionary work of educating and training our younger generation."

The reporter continued:

Already during his early revolutionary activities and in the days of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, the Leader founded the *Juche*-oriented educational idea and gained precious experiences and accomplished immortal exploits in the education of the younger generation and established the brilliant revolutionary tradition of education of our Party.

After liberation he, on this basis, shaped the original line of definitely placing the education of the younger generation and the training of cadres before all other work and wisely led the whole Party and the entire people for its implementation, the reporter added.

Noting that Comrade Kim Il Sung, a great Marxist-Leninist of our time and the genius of revolution, founded socialist pedagogy for the first time in history and thus brightly illumined the road to be followed by our education after the establishment of the socialist system, the reporter went on:

The socialist pedagogy founded by the Leader is a revolutionary doctrine which indicates a clear-cut way of training personnel for the revolution and new, communist type of men on the basis of a scientific analysis of the position and role of education in the revolution and construction; an outstanding educational thought of our time, which gives correctest answers to all questions of principle arising in the theory and practice of socialist education such as the character of the educational institutions and the aim of education in socialist society and fundamental principles of socialist pedagogy; and a great programme of socialist and communist education.

The reporter continued:

By expounding for the first time in history the character of the educational institutions under socialism and the aim of socialist education, the Leader clearly defined the class nature and mission of socialist education which is essentially different from bourgeois education.

The respected and beloved Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, taught:

"The educational institutions ranging from the kindergarten to the primary school, middle school, higher technical school, and college and university are one of the basic means of the ideological revolution."

"The aim of education in socialist society is to rear revolutionaries struggling to put into effect the communist principle 'One for all and all for one,' in other words, Communists struggling against exploitation and oppression and for society and the people and for the working class."

Proceeding from this aim and mission of socialist education the Leader propounded the creative idea that the principle and main point of socialist pedagogy are to revolutionize, working-classize and communize the people.

The respected and beloved Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, taught as follows:

"To lead the people to actively serve society and the people and revolutionize, working-classize and communize them is the very principle and main point of pedagogy in our socialist society."

The socialist pedagogy founded by the great Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, is a brilliant educational idea which has brought Marxist-Leninist educational theory onto a new, higher plane and heralded a new epoch of socialist and communist education, and thanks to this great idea the Party of the working class came to have a programmatic guide-line for advancing along the only correct road, overcoming all descriptions of right and left deviations, in the practice of socialist and communist education.

The founding of socialist pedagogy is one of the immortal brilliant exploits of the great Leader of the revolution, Comrade Kim Il Sung, by which he has contributed to the development of the Marxist-Leninist theories.

The reporter gave detailed accounts of the fact that the respected and beloved Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, has given minute guidance to all work for the development of educational work and shown the love of a real father and profound solicitude for our youth, students and children and teachers.

Noting that thanks to the wise leadership and paternal care of the great Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, our country has made shining successes in the educational work, startling the world people, the reporter continued:

The greatest success made in popular education over the last period under the wise leadership of the great Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, is that as a result of the introduction of the universal compulsory nine-year technical education the socialist educational system has been further consolidated and developed.

The universal compulsory nine-year technical education is a most advanced and superior educational system which closely blends general education and basic technical education, and education and productive labour, and rears the younger generation as able builders of socialism and communism developed in an all-round way by thoroughly embodying the great educational idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader.

With the introduction of the universal compulsory nine-year technical education all the youth and children in our country from the age of 8 to 17 receive compulsory technical education free of charge at regular schools and our younger generation all grow up reliably into fully-developed new, communist type of men and into able builders of the new society, who are possessed of ample general knowledge and basic knowledge of modern technology.

The introduction of the universal compulsory nine-year technical education which has further developed the educational system of our country to meet the demands of the overall technical revolution is an event of epochal significance in which the centuries-old aspirations of our people for the education of their children have become a brilliant reality in the age of the Workers' Party and is a great victory of the educational programme of our Party in which the Marxist-Leninist educational theory has been developed creatively to fit in with the demands of our revolution and construction.

With the implementation of the line of training for ourselves a large number of national cadres of worker and peasant origin, which the respected and beloved Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, shaped with originality, more than 130 universities and colleges, among them Kim Il Sung University, the highest seat of modern science, and above 500 higher technical schools have made their appearance in this land where not a single college was to be seen before the liberation, and each locality has its own solid base of all-round national cadre training.

Today there are in our country more than one higher technical school or high school in every county and factory higher technical schools and factory colleges in the major industrial districts, and each province has various colleges such as agricultural college, medical college, normal college, teachers college, kindergarteners college and communist college, which satisfy the local demand for cadres for themselves and greatly contribute to disseminating modern technical civilization in the local areas and raising the cultural and technical standards of the working people.

Now our country has a large contingent of engineers, assistant engineers and specialists totalling over 500,000 who are infinitely faithful to the Party and the Leader and possessed of a high level of scientific and technical knowledge and special knowledge and, by their wisdom and creative power, the state and economic organs, scientific and cultural institutions, modern factories and enterprises and cooperative farms are well managed and operated.

The ranks of teachers over 100,000 strong, reliably prepared politically and ideologically, educationally and practically, have been firmly built up in our country today, and great changes have taken place in their ideological life and spiritual and moral traits.

With the vigorous progress of the ideological revolution among the teachers along the line of revolutionization and working-classization of the whole society set forth by the Leader, the unitary ideological system of the Party has been firmly established and the revolutionary traits of defending and guarding the Leader politically and ideologically with their lives and unconditionally carrying the instructions of the Leader through to the end, fully ready to go through fire and water, have been established more solidly than ever before and the sense of responsibility in the education of the younger generation has been further enhanced.

Through the struggle for putting into practice the principles of socialist pedagogy propounded by the respected and beloved Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, with originality, great changes have taken place in the content and method of education as well, the reporter declared.

He continued:

Our education has become a revolutionary education and a true socialist education firmly arming the youth, students and children with the great revolutionary idea, the *Juche* idea, of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, and bringing them up into true revolutionaries and Communists singleheartedly and infinitely faithful to the Leader and struggling for the Party and the revolution with all devotion.

The unitary ideological system of the Party has been thoroughly established as never before and *Juche* and the working-class line have been firmly established in all the courses of education and training, and the manifestations of flunkeyism and dogmatism which had remained in the domain of education for a long time have been eliminated, with the result that students are brought up into revolutionaries and Communists who are firmly armed with the great *Juche* idea of the Leader and possessed of living knowledge useful for our revolution and construction.

Today all the youth, students and children of our country are aflame with loyalty to dedicate their all only to the Leader and they are reliably growing into true revolutionaries who are fond of working, making revolution and struggling, and into able socialist and communist builders, new type of men prepared mentally, morally and physically.

Stressing that under the brilliant rays of the great *Juche*-oriented educational idea of the respected and beloved Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius of revolution and the sun of our nation, proud successes have also been achieved in the education of the sons and daughters of the Korean citizens in Japan, the reporter said.

The reporter stressed that all the successes attained in the domain of education in the past are a precious fruition of the *Juche*-oriented educational idea and outstanding leadership of the great Leader of the revolution, Comrade Kim Il Sung, and a brilliant result of the warm love and paternal solicitude of the Leader who spares nothing if it is for the education of the younger generation.

The reporter extended, representing the boundless adoration of the attendants of the meeting and the entire teachers and students, highest honour and deepest gratitude to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the benevolent father of our teachers and students and the great Leader of our Party and the entire Korean people, who established the advanced socialist educational system and opened up for the first time in history a new era in which everybody can study to his heart's content without paying a penny and brightly illumined the road of the socialist and communist education by founding socialist pedagogy and who always shows us warm paternal love and solicitude.

Then the reporter dwelt on the tragic occurrences in the south Korean educational domain.

He said:

Due to the deplorable deterioration of people's living and the anti-popular, colonial enslavement education policy of the U.S. imperialist and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, as many as three million school-age children are denied the opportunity of schooling and millions of workers and peasants are left illiterate in south Korea today.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors and the Pak Jung Hi traitors, their faithful dogs, having established a reactionary colonial enslavement educational system in south Korea, are further strengthening "anti-communist education" full of lies and deception and fascistizing and militarizing schools still more. As a result, the schools, which should be the seats of learning, are trampled under the jackboots of the military gangsters and the schools which should be free are horrifying haunts of special agents engaged in intelligence and surveillance. Under this lamentable condition, no one can teach or learn, however hard one may try.

The reporter sharply denounced with bitter national resentment the U.S. and Japanese aggressors and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, their faithful dogs.

He went on:

The patriotic teachers and students of south Korea are forming "study groups of works of Premier Kim Il Sung" and "study groups of revolutionary history of Premier Kim Il Sung" everywhere and finding their road of struggle in the great *Juche* idea of the Leader, drawing boundless strength and courage from there, and are rising up as one in the struggle against fascism and for democratization along the road indicated by the great Leader.

Recalling that in his historic report to the Fifth Congress of our Party, Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, set forth programmatic tasks for developing the education of the younger generation and the training of cadres onto a new, higher stage, the reporter said:

The respected and beloved Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, taught us:

"The most important task in the domain of education is to build up a big contingent of technicians and specialists, a large army of intellectuals of the country...

"We must train technicians and specialists on a large scale to meet the practical demands of socialist construction, so that the number of engineers, assistant engineers and specialists graduated from collegial and higher technical schools account for more than 10 per cent in the make-up of labour at all factories, enterprises and co-operative farms during the period of the new prospective plan, and that the number of technicians and specialists exceed one million in the near future."

This line indicated by the respected and beloved Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, is a wise line of programmatic significance which reflects correctly the mature demand of socialist construction for further consolidating the material and technical foundations of socialism and freeing the working people from hard toil in all the branches of the national economy by consolidating and developing the success of industrialisation and advancing the technical revolution to a new, higher stage.

Pointing out that the Leader set forth an original line for going over to a compulsory 10-year education in our country in the future, the reporter said:

The switchover to the universal compulsory 10-year education which provides for completing, in the course of compulsory education, the general secondary education of high stage which is now given at the high schools and higher technical schools will mark an epochal advance in raising the level of school education still higher.

The reporter said that the most important task facing us in successfully carrying out the grand programme set before the educational domain by the historic Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea is to embody more thoroughly the principles of socialist pedagogy founded by the great Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, in all spheres of education and training.

The reporter stressed:

The U.S. imperialists and their lackeys are trying hard to infiltrate all hues of corrupt reactionary ideological viruses into our ranks, while incessantly perpetrating naked aggressive acts. Under these conditions only by strictly adhering to the principles of socialist pedagogy can we educate and train all the working people, particularly the rising generation, into standard-bearers of the class struggle and ardent communist revolutionaries in conformity with the demands of our time and the obtaining situation of the revolution.

In conclusion, the reporter, representing the unanimous allegiance of the attendants of the meeting and the entire teachers and students, severentially wished good health and a long life to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and the entire Korean people, the ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist movement and working-class movement and benevolent father of our teachers and youth, students and children, for the ultimate victory of our revolution and the eternal prosperity and development of the socialist fatherland and the victory of the world revolution.

Spokesman of DPRK National Defence Ministry Issues Statement

If Pak Jung Hi Puppet Clique Persistently Take the Road of Adventurous War, Heroic Korean People and Korean People's Army, Invincible Revolutionary Armed Forces, Will Crush Them in This Land Once and for All

A spokesman of the Ministry of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued a statement on December 25 last in connection with the fact that the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique were committing in a planned and more vicious way armed provocations against the northern half of the Republic, further intensifying war rackets behind the smokescreen of "U.S. army reduction."

Lately the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, instigated by the U.S. imperialists, are stepping up desperate machinations by all means to bolster up the crumbling colonial rule of U.S. imperialism and the foothold of the anti-popular puppet rule in south Korea by further aggravating the situation and kindling the flames of a fratricidal war in Korea, the statement noted, and said:

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, babbling that "what is important" for them "is to foster strength" and so forth, have expanded military bases and military establishments and ceaselessly staged war exercises in all parts of south Korea, while speeding up the "modernization" of the puppet army through extensive introduction of new-type military equipment with the backing of U.S imperialism and, in step with this, sharply intensified various armed provocations against the northern half of the Republic.

Especially, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique have committed armed provocations against the northern half of the Republic in a planned and more obdurate and vicious way, further intensifying war rackets behind the smokescreen of "U.S. army reduction" this year.

In particular, the U.S. imperialist aggressors infiltrated high-speed high-altitude reconnaissance planes and other military aircraft into the territorial air of our side incessantly to commit various military espionage and hostile acts.

As a result, cases of various armed provocations and violation of the military armistice agreement committed by the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, their lackeys, on the ground and the sea and in the air till the end of November since the beginning of this year alone numbered more than 10,560 including over 530 cases of rifle and gun firing, only counting those against which our side directly protested to the enemy through the Military Armistice Commission.

The number of spies and saboteurs dispatched by the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique into the northern half of the Republic through the Demilitarized Zone and the east and west coasts this year reached over 330 on 78 occasions. Among them those shot dead by the self-defence measures of our side exceeded 100.

According to the confessions of armed spies captured alive by sentinels of the Korean People's Army, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, when sending spies into the northern half, tell each of them: "Display valor in the van of northward march," "the ROK army will march northward before long along the road you explored" and the like.

Recalling that the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique have been further intensifying all sorts of provocations against the northern half of the Republic since they proclaimed the so-called "state of national emergency" on December 6, prattling about "sudden change in the international situation" and fictitious "threat of southward aggression from the north," the statement went on:

All developments in south Korea today clearly show that a war may be unleashed in Korea again at any moment by the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are vociferously clamouring about the "threat of southward aggression from the north" to "justify" their war provocation manoeuvres. But no one will be fooled by this.

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique raved that it is because there is a "threat from the north" that they proclaimed the "state of national emergency" in south Korea some time ago. However, not only the broad public opinion of the world but even those in the United States came to recognize that this is a political ruse artificially cooked up by the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

"Infiltration" and "dispatch to the south" on the lips of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are a sheer lie. This was fully laid bare also by the fact that at the time of the armed mutiny of "ROK army" soldiers in Silmi island last summer, they raised a hue and cry, describing it as "invasion from the north" and rigging up even the number of the so-called "invading unit," only to admit their false announcement in the end, for they found it impossible to cover up the truth.

All facts patently show that the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are a pack of out-and-out traitors to the nation who make no scruple to employ any criminal machinations to prolong their dirty lives and the most heinous enemy of the Korean people.

The heroic Korean people and the Korean People's Army, their invincible revolutionary armed forces, are fully aware that the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique kicking on their deathbed may launch any adventure, and are fully prepared to counter any invasion of the scoundrels.

The Korean People's Army served a proper warning each time the enemy perpetrated reckless provocations and showed the provokers many a time that the strong warning of the Korean People's Army is by no means empty talk.

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique must put an immediate end to all the hostile provocations and vicious slander campaign they are carrying on against the northern half of the Republic at the instigation of U.S. imperialism.

If the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, failing to look squarely at the stark reality of today, play again with fire of aggression behind the smokescreen of "threat from the north" and "infiltration" and persistently take the road of adventurous war, the heroic Korean people and the Korean People's Army, their invincible revolutionary armed forces, will crush them in this land once and for all.

Diplomatic Relations at Ambassadorial Level Established between DPRK and State of Malta

A joint communique on establishing diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the State of Malta was signed in Valetta on December 20, according to a report from Valetta.

The joint communique was signed by Kang Yong Sop on behalf of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and by Wistin Abela on behalf of the Government of Malta.

The governments of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Malta agreed upon establishing diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level and exchanging ambassadors between the two countries at the earliest possible date, hoping to strengthen and develop relations and cooperation between the two countries, the joint communique said.

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"Premier KIM IL SUNG Is the Great Sun Commanding the Deepest Respect in the History of Our Nation"

Adoration of the Leader Grows among South Korean People

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius of revolution and the great Leader of the entire Korean people, commands ever-growing adoration of the south Korean people.

Their intense adoration of the Leader is indicative of their boundless loyalty to him. It is the very source of their great strength that brings their hard-fought revolutionary struggle to shining victory.

"Premier Kim Il Sung's Affection for the People Is Warmer Than the Sun and Deeper Than the Sea"

The people in south Korea highly praise and deeply admire the high virtues of the Leader who, though he is so busy with his work of organizing and leading the revolution and construction, always finds time to go into the midst of the people and show the warm solicitude for them with a fatherly affection.

"Premier Kim Il Sung," said an inhabitant in south Korea, "had long fought with arms in hand against the Japanese swines in the vast expanse of Manchurian plains. In those days he shared the sweets and bitters with the people who were suffering the tragic fate of statelessness under enemy's tyrannical rule. Today he finds himself among the people, giving them the favour warmer than the sunshine.

"True, the annals of services he has rendered to the people for half a century will glow with radiance as the centuries go by.

"Premier Kim Il Sung's affection for the people is, indeed, warmer than the sun and deeper than the sea.

"Even in the red-letter days," remarked another inhabitant in south Korea, "the Premier never seeks pleasure for himself but calls on the workers in their house or hostel and the students in their dormitory to confirm that they are having jolly good time. Only then he feels at ease. I can hardly keep back the tears of emotion at the thought of his immeasurable solicitude and utmost love for the people."

When Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, formulates a line or policy of the revolution and construction, he thinks deeply of the south Korean people who have been subjected to all kinds of misfortunes and tribulations under U.S. imperialist occupation and of early stabilization and improvement of their living after the reunification of the country.

An inhabitant in south Korea said:

"The affection of Premier Kim Il Sung for the people knows no bound in its depth and warmth. Every time we hear that the workers in the northern half, true to the words of Premier Kim Il Sung, are turning out larger quantities of cloth, machines and fertilizer for us hunger-stricken people in the south, all of us are moved to tears at the thought of his great love and high virtues.

"Marshal Kim Il Sung," said a south Korean inhabitant, "puts his heart and soul into bringing a happy life not only to the fellow countrymen in the north but also to those in the south. It is natural that we respect him and are deeply moved. He devotes his all to the cause of the earliest national reunification so that all of our people may enjoy an affluent life. We people in south Korea have to live and fight on, following in his footsteps. This alone will lead us to a happy life."

"I Feel My Heart Throbbing with Joy at the Mere Thought of the Day When the Leader Will Throw the Warm Rays All over the Southern Land"

It is a firm conviction of the south Korean people that only when they come under the leadership of the sagacious Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, can they live as happy a life as the people in the northern half do. That is why they are unanimous in expressing the burning desire to be held to his warm bosom as soon as possible.

They said:

"Our nation has a history of over 5,000 years. But never has it enjoyed the guidance of such a great leader of the nation as Premier Kim Il Sung.

"Premier Kim Il Sung is the great sun of the nation commanding the deepest respect in its history.

"Premier Kim Il Sung is, indeed, the great sun of our nation. Before long all parts of south Korea will also be flooded with the warm rays shed by the Leader. The mere thought of that day makes my heart throb with joy."

Follows a poem "Great Is the Sun of the Nation" written by a citizen in Seoul representing the immense reverence cherished by the south Korean people.

The sun, though bright, leaves shady sides.
The benevolent rays of Premier Kim Il Sung brighten all,
Even the hearts of our poor, ill-treated southerners.
Oh, great is Premier Kim Il Sung.
He is the sun of the nation,
leading all nation to victory.
May our separated brothers
Reunite with each other
To enjoy a blissful life under the guidance of
The respected and beloved Leader.

A south Korean revolutionary who had been unfortunately arrested by the enemy during his revolutionary activity and later sentenced to death wrote his last-minute report from the prison to his revolutionary organization:

"When the day breaks I have got to go and stand out as an execution ground.... When a man's life is guided by the idea of the Leader, he will be immortal. In case he fails to follow his idea, he will face the death as a stupefied man without faith. This is what I have learnt in my whole life.

"I know well that happiness cannot be measured by the weight of gold or by the height of a mansion but by the intensity of loyalty to General Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, the loyalty shown by his soldiers in the struggle. Now I have a few hours. But to enjoy this happiness, I will fight on as ever."

Such enthusiastic adoration of and infinite fidelity to the Leader have now become part and parcel of the life and struggle of the broad masses of the people in south Korea.

The south Korean people, who keep on a vigorous struggle, immeasurably adoring Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, and showing intense loyalty to him, will surely win in the revolution by driving back the U.S. imperialists and knocking down their stooges.

A Year of Proud Victory

The year 1971 witnessed the dynamic struggle we waged for creation and innovation with new hopes and valorous fighting spirit.

In 1971 our people won a proud victory in the first battle for fulfilment of the Six-Year Plan, a grand programme of socialist construction, following the banner of the three major tasks of the technical revolution advanced by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, and holding high the torch of new technical innovation lit by him.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, instructed:

"The whole Party and all the state and economic institutions, enterprises, working people's organizations, workers, peasants, scientists, technicians and the entire people should turn out as one in the struggle for victoriously fulfilling the national economic plan for this year, the first year of the Six-Year Plan, and effect another great revolutionary upsurge on all fronts of socialist construction."

Our people, rallied rock-firm around the Leader, set out on the grand Chollima march in accordance with his instruction, out of an ardent desire to remain single-heartedly loyal to him as the sunflower turns to the sun.

The great Leader stood in the van of the great Chollima march of our people.

He is not only endowed with a sharp insight in making an scientific analysis of all problems in the revolution and construction proceeding from the unshakable stand of *Juche* but is also possessed of an extraordinary capacity of leadership in grasping the main link and enlisting the strength of the masses to unravel its problem. He guided our people straightly along the shortest cut for the fulfilment of the Six-Year Plan.

In February last year the Leader, regarding the machine-tool production as the main link in the carrying out of the three major tasks of the technical revolution and the whole Six-Year Plan, personally called on the workers of the Chollima Huichon Machine-tool Plant to kindle the torch of new technical innovation among them.

The torch of new technical innovation lit by the Leader is chiefly meant to create an exceptionally high rate of growth in the production of machine tools, the cornerstone of technical revolution, through overall automation of the production processes and revolutionary reorganization of production activities.

It was the prelude to a signal victory in making a breach in the battle for the fulfilment of the Six-Year Plan and in opening a broad avenue for the execution of the three major tasks of the technical revolution. At the same time, it was a great torch that illumined the way of developing the technical revolution to a new, higher stage and bringing about a revolutionary turn toward a new era of automation.

The torch of new technical innovation which was kindled in Huichon district flared up all over the country like a wild fire. In this way miracles were wrought and innovations were made in an unbroken chain everywhere last year.

Despite the claims of his busy work, the Leader always found himself among the working people. He made personal visits to the workers in the industrial city of Hamhung and in Sinuiju district, the fishermen in a large port facing the East Sea and the farmers of co-operative farms on the west coast and in the mountainous areas. He gave them strength and wisdom, inspiring them to the struggle.

The wise leadership of the great Leader and the inexhaustible creativity of the popular masses rallied as one around him—this brought into full play the might of the huge material and technical foundations of our socialist industrial state, which had been already laid. As a result, a great leap was taken in production and construction.

Particularly, the national economic plan for 1971 was overfulfilled at major factories and enterprises in the key industrial branches and at many other production units in different parts of the country as a result of the strenuous efforts made by our working class and people infinitely loyal to the Leader. And at a large number of units the tasks for the first two years of the Six-Year Plan were carried out ahead of schedule. In this course the unitary ideological system of the Party was established more firmly among the working people, and the political and ideological unity and cohesion of the entire people were strengthened. With the successful implementation of our Party's line of carrying on economic construction side by side with defence upbuilding, the economic might and defence capabilities of our country increased still more.

Holding aloft the torch of new technical innovation lighted by the Leader, the working class of Huichon added spurs to the Chollima march. They pushed ahead with automation in fine feather, and made such a big leap as to outstrip markedly the level of 10,000 machine tools in annual production capacity. Following this example, the workers of the Kusong Machine-tool Plant introduced automation lines in the processing of shafts, transmissions and cog wheels and thus topped the annual production level of 10,000 machine tools. Innovatory successes were also scored by machine-tool factories in Mangyongdae, Chongjin and other places. Further, all machine factories started to manufacture machine tools.

In the past year a foundation was laid and a broad way was opened up for the victorious execution of the three major tasks of the technical innovation as result of a sharp growth in the machine-tool production.

The Leader said that the technical revolution is precisely the revolution by machinery, and the question of developing the technical revolution onto a new, higher plane and further developing the productive forces of the country as a whole depends largely on the development of the engineering industry.

Engraving this teaching of the Leader on their hearts and relying on the strong power-bases further consolidated, all the other machine builders in our country brought about one innovation after another. A 5,000-ton class passenger boat of the latest type was built in a little over two months, 300 h.p. bulldozers, large-size excavators and high-capacity generating facilities were manufactured and more automobiles and tractors were turned out.

Thus in the engineering industry, successes were also scored in increasing the assortment of products, improving their quality and maintaining the balance between different kinds of machines.

The bases for the electronic and automation industries were further reinforced and various automation elements, instruments and gauges were produced in keeping with the extensive introduction of semi-automation and automation in all domains of the national economy.

With the support of the mighty engineering industry, the work for fulfilment of the three major tasks of the technical revolution was pushed forward more energetically and fresh upsurge was effected in production in all fields of the national economy.

The coal industry made a rapid development with the strong support from all parts of the country, in accordance with the Party's line of concentrating efforts on mechanization of coal-mining operations.

Our engineering industry supplied coal cutters, loaders, winches, compressors, bulldozers and other powerful machines in large quantities. This led to a big progress in the mechanization and comprehensive mechanization of coal-mining operations and contributed to remarkably lessening the arduous work of colliers.

As mechanization was promoted dynamically in the coal-hewing work, the technical equipment of the existing coal mines improved and their production capacity augmented. A good number of new large pits came into being, and medium- and small-scale coal mines were developed. In consequence, the production of coal, which can be called food for industry, showed a steady, sharp growth.

Last year, the drive for technical innovation and the struggle for increased production made progress in the realm of the metal industry.

Our iron works were replenished with facilities for preliminary processing of raw materials. Projects were pushed ahead on a full scale to expand the capacity of coke ovens.

New furnaces were built and put into operation to produce greater quantities of iron with home-produced fuel.

The steel makers of Kangson, who had topped the rated capacity of the bloom rolling machine eight times by 1970, continued with their technical innovation movement to raise productivity and free themselves from the heat-affected labour. Thus, they boosted the capacity of the machine ten times last year.

Also the workers in the fields of chemical, building-materials and mining industries increased the production capacity and attained great results in making labour-consuming work easier and converting harmful labour into harmless labour.

They made such successes, holding high the torch of new technical innovation under the banner of the three major tasks of the technical revolution.

In all the key industries labour became easier and more efficient. In order to meet the rapidly growing demand for transport, the construction of a new railway connecting the east and west coasts was propelled and other railway lines were newly built in many parts of the country and projects for turning narrow-gauge lines into broad-gauge ones were carried out. Mechanization and automation were actively promoted in the field of railway transport.

A great change took place in the development of light industry.

Last year, in the field of textile industry the modernly-equipped Sariwon Textile Mill and September Textile Mill were set up and the production capacities of silk mills in Pyongyang and Hamhung further expanded.

Inspired by the lofty intention of the Leader to clothe our people better and make them live better, the textile workers unfolded a vigorous struggle for higher output.

The modernly-equipped daily necessaries factories and the locally-run factories in all parts of the country paid off. Various articles of daily use were turned out in greater quantities. The processing of foodstuffs by industrial method and extensive production of convenient kitchen utensils rendered it possible to considerably alleviate the burden of the kitchen work and household chores of the women.

Indeed, in the past year our working class made a great advance in carrying out the three major tasks of the technical revolution, perfecting the inner-structures of the industrial branches and strengthening the *Juche* character of our industry.

Big successes were also scored in thoroughly implementing the "Theses on the Socialist Rural Question in Our Country" authored by the great Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, and in boosting agricultural production.

Tens of thousands of *chongbo* of paddy and dry fields were readjusted to create favourable conditions for comprehensive mechanization, and efficient farm machines suited to the topographical conditions of our country were contrived and introduced everywhere, with the result that the work done by machines grew sharply in assortment and scope.

The water sprinkling irrigation system was newly introduced in 50,000 *chongbo* of dry fields. The overall chemicalization of agriculture powerfully propelled its production. And new achievements attained in the domain of biological research work were widely introduced in agriculture.

The per-*chongbo* output rose to such a high level as was hardly conceivable in the past.

The per-*chongbo* yield of rice from the Yoldusamcholri plain, a rice bowl in the western coastal area, was 7 tons on the average and 9-10 tons at the maximum.

With the introduction of comprehensive mechanization and water-sprinkling irrigation, the Kindung plain of Hwangju once known as a barren land produced four times as much maize as before.

Such a bumper harvest was gathered in all parts of our countryside.

It is thanks to the wise guidance of the great Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, that last year an abundant harvest was reaped despite the adverse weather conditions. That is why our people extend heartfelt gratitude to him.

The Leader advanced the wise policy for narrowing down the distinctions between industrial and agricultural labour and bringing about a new upsurge in agricultural production at the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and personally visited many co-operative farms including those in South Hwanghae and South Pyongan Provinces and led the agricultural working people vigorously to the struggle for its thorough implementation.

He saw to it that the superiority of the new system of agricultural guidance was given full play.

He took measures to actively promote the comprehensive mechanization and overall chemicalization of agriculture and extensively introduce water-sprinkling irrigation. In particular, he made it clear that to plant many cold frame rice seedlings and transplant them as early as possible is an important key to the increased production of grain in our country. And he, personally standing in the van, called upon the agricultural working people and other people to do so.

Last year, our agricultural working people who are faithful to the call of the Leader made big strides in the comprehensive mechanization of agriculture, with powerful assistance from the working class.

They wound up rice transplanting 20 days earlier than usual and brought about fresh innovations in farming.

This was an event unprecedented in the annals of development of our agriculture and was an important factor in gathering a rich harvest last year.

Last year our agriculture produced a sufficient amount of food and raw materials for industry and thus made a great contribution to the improvement of the people's living and the advancement of industry.

Last year our people forged ahead with vim and vigour, narrowing down the distinctions between industrial and agricultural labour and the differences between town and country in living conditions and between workers and peasants in living standards. Thus, our modern, socialist countryside saw new changes in this respect and the living of our co-op farmers became more bountiful and cultured.

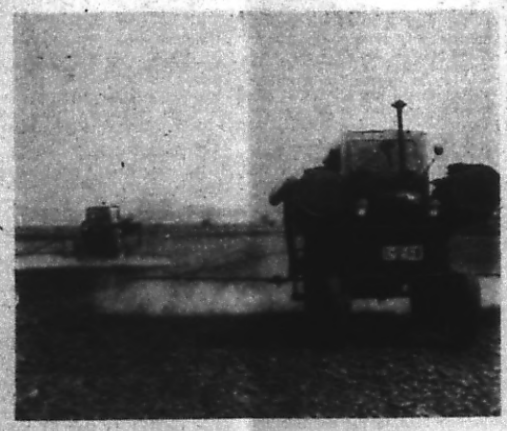
Indeed, all the proud successes made by our people in the past year clearly proved that the grand programme of the Six-Year Plan set forth by the Leader and his original line of carrying out the three major tasks of the technical revolution, a line aimed at reducing the distinctions between heavy and light labour and between industrial and agricultural labour and freeing the women from the heavy burden of household chores, gripped the hearts of all people and display great vitality for their scientific reflection of the mature demand of the economic development of our country where industrialization has been effected and of the earnest desire and aspiration of the working masses.

Proudly retrospecting the past year, a year of great strides, our people are today spurring on their march with high pride as victors. They are displaying a high degree of political and labour enthusiasm, overwhelmed with intense loyalty to the Leader. All of them are full of an adamant resolve to overfulfil their two-year assignments of the Six-Year Plan by the forthcoming April 15 in all domains of the national economy and continuously perform new miracles and make new innovations in production and construction.

Li Chan Sun

Part of a bed-processing automation line at the Chollima Huichon Machine-tool Plant

Last year the crop was generally abundant. Photo shows rice harvesting by machine



Spraying of chemicals

The mechanized coal yard of the Anju Colliery

Statement of Spokesman of DPRK Foreign Ministry Issued

With No Desperate Efforts Can the U.S. Imperialists Extricate Themselves from the Bog into Which They Are Sliding Ever Deeper in Indochina or Subdue the Heroic Vietnamese People

A spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued a statement on December 25 in denunciation of the U.S. imperialists who are intensifying their bombing raids on the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam while manoeuvring to further escalate the war of aggression against the Indochinese peoples, and in full support of the December 18 statement of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam.

Pointing out that on December 18, the U.S. imperialist air pirates savagely bombed populated areas of Binh Phu Province, north of Hanoi, and other provinces, the statement said:

The new bombing atrocity of U.S. imperialism against North Viet Nam is a grave infringement upon the sovereignty and security of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and an open challenge to the peace-loving peoples of the whole world who strongly demand an immediate end to the war of aggression in Viet Nam and Indochina.

The statement continued:

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people scathingly denounce with surging indignation the heinous criminal act of the U.S. imperialist aggressors against the Vietnamese people, and fully support the December 18 statement of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam condemning the crime committed by the U.S. imperialist air pirates.

The U.S. imperialists perpetrated large-scale bombing against the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam while further intensifying the acts of war lately in Cambodia and Laos. This fully shows the aggressive nature of U.S. imperialism and clearly proves that the rascals are still viciously attempting to subdue the Vietnamese people by force of arms.

With no desperate efforts, however, can the U.S. imperialists extricate themselves from the bog into which they are sliding ever deeper in Indochina or subdue the heroic Vietnamese people.

Today the Vietnamese people are valiantly waging the war of resistance against U.S. aggression and for national salvation with a firm determination to fight resolutely till they beat down the U.S. imperialist aggressors to the last one in South Viet Nam and Indochina and win in firm unity with the fraternal peoples of Laos and Cambodia.

The Korean people standing firm on the front of the anti-U.S. common struggle will continue to actively assist the brotherly Vietnamese people in their sacred war of resistance against U.S. aggression and for national salvation till they win final victory.

In conclusion, the statement warned that if the U.S. imperialists persist in their reckless manoeuvres to expand the criminal war of aggression in Viet Nam and Indochina, defying the resolute opposition of the revolutionary peoples of Asia and the world, they will surely meet a heavier, shameful fiasco.

Invincible Is the Revolutionary Cause of the Cuban People

January 1 is the 13th anniversary of the victory of the Cuban revolution. On that day 13 years ago the heroic Cuban people overthrew the Batista dictatorial regime, the faithful stooge of U.S. imperialism, and hoisted a red banner of socialism in the Western Hemisphere.

Observing the significant day, the Korean people extend their warmest congratulations and militant greetings to the fraternal Cuban people who are marching unswervingly in the front ranks of anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, our respected and beloved Leader, pointed out:

"The triumph of the Cuban revolution is the first victory of socialist revolution under the very nose of the United States; it is a continuation of the Great October Revolution in Latin America. It is a historic event that extended the socialist camp to the Western Hemisphere and brought about a new turn for the revolutionary movements of Latin America." (Kim Il Sung, *Selected Works*, Vol. IV, p. 329.)

The triumph of the Cuban revolution in 1959 shook the colonial system of U.S. imperialism to its very foundation in the Western Hemisphere and brought a revolutionary storm to Latin America.

It marked a beginning of collapse for the U.S. imperialist colonial system in Latin America and a stern judgement—the sentence of downfall—to the U.S. imperialists who had long since been exploiting and repressing the people on this continent.

Since the victory of the revolution the Cuban people under the correct leadership of the Cuban Communist Party and the Revolutionary Government headed by Comrade Fidel Castro, their respected and beloved Leader, have reliably defended their socialist homeland and attained brilliant successes in the socialist revolution and construction while valiantly smashing the frequent invasion and provocative moves by U.S. imperialism and its stooges.

A Cuban guard strictly defending the frontiers

Through their creative and devoted efforts the Cuban people have built for the first time in the Western Hemisphere a socialist system, free and prosperous, where all the people enjoy a civilized, happy life.

Cuban people have also built up defence potential so strongly as to repulse the U.S. imperialists' armed invasion at Playa Giron in April 1961 and frustrate the enemy's frantic war manoeuvrings in the Caribbean in October 1962. The Cuban people are now administering one blow after another to the anti-Cuban campaign of Yankee imperialism.

We Korean people sincerely rejoice over the successes of the Cuban people and warmly congratulate them on their achievements.

Under the great impact of the Cuban revolution the Latin-American peoples, arms in hand, are waging a vigorous anti-U.S., anti-dictatorial struggle. The triumphant advance of the Cuban revolution and the revolutionary struggle of the peoples on the continent are merged into a stream to cut the life line of U.S. imperialism.

That is why the U.S. imperialists are so desperately working to suffocate the Republic of Cuba in its cradle and ceaselessly committing the vicious machinations of aggression and destruction in all domains of politics, economy, military affairs and diplomacy.

With no machination, however, can the U.S. imperialists subdue the Cuban people who are determined to defend their homeland to the last man and the last bullet, holding high the militant slogan: "Fatherland or death, we will win!" Nor can they check their victorious advance.

The Korean people strongly condemn U.S. imperialism for these anti-Cuban machinations.

Our people who prize the militant friendship and solidarity with the people of Cuba will march forever shoulder to shoulder with them for the victory of the cause of socialism and communism under the banner of the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle, the banner of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

The Korean people heartily wish the fraternal Cuban people greater success in their sacred revolutionary struggle in the New Year.

Invincible is the revolutionary cause of the Cuban people.

Statement of Spokesman of DPRK Foreign Ministry

Aggressive "Okinawa Reversion Agreement" Must Be Abrogated at Once; Okinawa Be Unconditionally and Completely Returned to the Japanese People

The spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued a statement on December 25, 1971, denouncing the Japanese militarists for their dastardly act of railroading the so-called "Okinawa reversion agreement," which they had hatched with the U.S. imperialists, through the House of Representatives and the House of Councillors of Japan.

Recalling that the Japanese militarists who had fabricated the so-called "Okinawa reversion agreement" together with the U.S. imperialists in June 1971 rushed it through the Japanese House of Representatives some time ago and perpetrated the nasty act of "carrying" it through the Japanese House of Councillors on December 22, 1971, the statement says:

Under this "agreement" Japan Proper and Okinawa have been virtually reduced to a U.S.-Japan military base for aggression.

This is an open challenge to the Japanese people who have strongly demanded the abrogation of the aggressive "Okinawa reversion agreement" and the unconditional and total return of Okinawa since the first day of its conclusion and a grave criminal act menacing peace in the Far East and Asia.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people bitterly denounce the crime of the Japanese militarists in railroading this "agreement" through the Japanese Diet, regarding it as a sinister act intended to speed up their renewed invasion of our country and Asia and express firm solidarity with the Japanese people in their just struggle to oppose this "agreement."

The Japanese militarists' hasty railroading of the "Okinawa reversion agreement" through the Diet despite the stubborn opposition of the Japanese people is aimed at further tightening the military collusion and alignment between the United States and Japan in accordance with the aggressive line of the notorious U.S.-Japan "joint statement" and openly embarking upon the road of armed aggression on Asian countries, the statement stresses, and continues:

After cooking up the U.S.-Japan "joint statement" in November 1969 the Sato government of Japan automatically extended the U.S.-Japan "Security Pact" in 1970 and have frantically stepped up preparations for troops dispatch overseas, increasing the strength of the "Self-Defence Forces" of Japan on a large scale.

Particularly, claiming that south Korea is its "life line," the Satoites are further tightening military tie-up with the south Korean puppet clique; they rave that in case the U.S. imperialists ignite another war of aggression in Korea Japan "cannot remain an onlooker" and even state that she should think of a "forestalling offensive" against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The "talks" between Sato, the boss of Japanese militarism, and Nixon, the war-like boss of U.S. imperialism, stated in January 1972 are part of the plots to hurl the troops of the Japanese "Self-Defence Forces" into south Korea on the pretext of "defence of south Korea."

The Japanese militarists worked out long ago a concrete plan of action to station the troops of the Japanese "Self-Defence Forces" on Okinawa and invade Korea and other socialist countries, using it as one of their aggressive bases.

And, recently, they openly revealed their wild design to annex the Tiaoyu Island, the inviolable territory of the People's Republic of China.

Blaring that "Japan's sphere of defence has sharply expanded," the Satoites went so far as to declare the area between Alaska and Strait of Maracca their "sphere of defence."

All the facts vividly show what a dangerous aggressive plot is weaved round the "reversion" of Okinawa.

The U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists must know clearly that today's Korea is not Korea of yesterday and today's Asian people are not the Asian people of yesterday and must desist from running riot, the statement says.

The aggressive "Okinawa reversion agreement" must be abrogated at once and Okinawa be unconditionally and completely returned to the Japanese people and the U.S. imperialist aggressors must at once get out of the whole territory of Japan, including Okinawa, and south Korea, Taiwan and all other parts of Asia, taking all their aggressive troops and lethal weapons along with them; the U.S. and Japanese reactionaries must give up at once the adventurous aggressive moves, stresses the statement.

It warns in conclusion:

Should the Japanese militarists take the road of reckless overseas aggression under the zealous patronage of the U.S. imperialists, they would never evade the same miserable fate as the Japanese imperialists met in the past.

Hail 16th Anniversary of Independence of Democratic Republic of the Sudan

January 1 marks the 16th anniversary of the independence of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan.

On this occasion the Korean people send warm felicitations to the Sudanese people.

The Sudan's independence was a great event in the history of her people's struggle for the creation of a new life.

The people of the Sudan have made energetic efforts for the building of national economy and national culture ever since independence.

In particular, the victory of May 1969 revolution opened a broader avenue for their struggle.

Today the industrious Sudanese people under the leadership of Major General Gaafar Mohamed Nimeri, President of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, have abolished the old reactionary ruling machines, enforced the democratic reforms and scored a number of successes in the struggle for the "Sudanization" of the economy, while resolutely frustrating the repeated subversive and sabotaging intrigues of the U.S.-led imperialists and reactionary forces.

The Sudanese people are now striving for the independent solution of the question of Southern Sudan, opposing all sorts of aggressive manoeuvres, threat and blackmail of the imperialists and the Zionists against the Southern Sudan. Besides they denounce the aggressive acts of the U.S. imperialists and the Israeli Zionists against the Arab peoples, and resolutely support the Palestinian people in the struggle for liberation of their country.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the entire Korean people, pointed out:

"The anti-U.S., anti-Israeli struggle waged by the Arab peoples today is a just struggle to defend national independence and dignity, restore the occupied Arab territory and accomplish the Palestinian people's cause of liberation." ("Answers to the Questions Raised by Foreign Journalists," p. 61.)

The Korean people are pleased with all the successes made by the Sudanese people as with their own, and actively support and encourage them in their just struggle.

The Sudanese people express the firm solidarity with our people in their righteous struggle for driving the U.S. imperialist aggression troops out of south Korea and attaining the independent reunification of the country. This is an inspiration to the struggle of our people.

The Korean people, who treasure the relations of friendship established between the peoples of the two countries in the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. joint struggle, sincerely wish the Sudanese people fresher success in their struggle for building a unified, prosperous new Sudan.

The People's Republic of the Congo Marches Forward along the Road of Victory

Two years have passed since the Labour Party was founded and the People's Republic was proclaimed in the Congo.

On the significant day the Korean people extend the warmest congratulations and militant greetings to the fraternal people of the People's Republic of the Congo.

The foundation of the Labour Party and the proclamation of the People's Republic in December 1969 enabled the Congolese people to further vigorously step up the revolution and the building of a new life under the leadership of their only Party in power.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the entire Korean people, said:

"The peoples who have won independence must abrogate all the shackling treaties and agreements and military alliances concluded with the imperialists; liquidate the political and economic footholds which foreign imperialists and their accomplices—domestic reactionary forces—can rely on in their underhand manoeuvres; rally the revolutionary forces to effect the revolutionary reform of society." ("Answers to the Questions Raised by Foreign Journalists," p. 9.)

Since the founding of the Party and the proclamation of the Republic, the Government of the People's Republic of the Congo under the leadership of the Congolese Labour Party and President Marien Ngouabi has taken a number of measures to strengthen the revolutionary forces and expanded the political foundations of the revolution, smashing the subversive activities and sabotages of the foreign imperialists and domestic reactionaries. It also further strengthened its revolutionary armed forces.

Upholding the slogan, "Let's build up an independent national economy with our own strength!" the diligent people of the Congo deprived the imperialist monopolies of their concessions and erected many new factories and enterprises. They have also achieved successes in their struggle for developing the national education and culture.

Today the Congolese people are waging an active struggle to defend the revolutionary gains and further carry forward the revolution, frustrating the repeated destructive manoeuvres and sabotages of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges, who attempt to strangle the revolution of the Congo.

The Korean people warmly congratulate the Congolese people on their achievements and positively support their revolutionary and anti-imperialist, independent stand.

The Congolese people congratulate the Korean people on the brilliant successes they have attained in socialist construction under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the entire Korean people, and give active support to their just struggle for driving U.S. imperialism out of south Korea and reunifying the fatherland independently. It is a boundless encouragement to their righteous cause.

Our people will, in the future, too, as in the past, make active efforts to further strengthen and develop the relations of friendship between the peoples of the two countries established on the road of the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. joint struggle.

The Korean people sincerely wish the Congolese people greater success in their fruitful struggle for building a new life.

Criminal Act of Pak Jung Hi Puppet Clique —A Replica of May 16 Military Coup

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique who had proclaimed the state of emergency all over south Korea and rigged up the "bill on special measure for national security" to back it up, rammed the bill through the "national assembly" by a blitzkrieg trickery on December 27.

According to the reports, Pak Jung Hi and his ilk got together not in the "capitol building" but in a closet at 3 a.m. on December 27 when the people were all asleep, and perpetrated the swindle of ramming the unheard-of fascist evil bill through the "national assembly" in only two minutes to give semblance of "legality" to it.

The fabrication of the so-called "special measure bill" as its course shows is entirely illegal even in the light of the "national assembly law" enacted by the Pak Jung Hi gang itself.

That is why even the public and political circles and nongovernment parties, to say nothing of the south Korean people, declare it null and void at present.

This filthy swindle never known in history can be committed only by such military gangsters as the Pak Jung Hi puppet villains.

This bespeaks that the Pak Jung Hi gang is reverting to the time when he cooked up the May 16 fascist military coup at the instigation of U.S. imperialism and ran roughshod in the southern land, wielding bayonets.

Ten years ago the scoundrels staged a coup with bayonets and thus usurped the puppet regime. They have now staged another coup d'etat under the cover of the "law" fabricated by a blitzkrieg trickery and are pushing the situation back to the darkness that prevailed ten years ago.

This ferocious fascist tyranny of the Pak Jung Hi clique is an unpardonable challenge to the south Korean people who are calling for the right to live, democratic freedom and the independent, peaceful reunification of the country. It is an intolerable insult to the entire Korean people and the unbiased world public opinion.

The Korean people bitterly denounce the brigandish acts perpetrated by the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

As was laid bare in all its nakedness before the world, the main purport of this evil bill is to empower traitor Pak Jung Hi to an unlimited extent on the plea of "security," and it allows the puppets to issue a "national mobilization order" on the only "instruction" of traitor Pak Jung Hi at any time they deem it necessary, enlist all the manpower and material resources of south Korea, requisition and plunder properties of the people and squander them at will and deprive the population of the freedom of residence and movement, ban all assemblies and demonstrations, control the press activities, stamp out the right of the workers to collective bargaining and collective action on the pretext of the "maintenance of security and order" and inflict heavy penalties on anyone who comes out against their tyranny.

This frenzy of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique in enacting fascist evil law by employing every conceivable dastardly method is intended to dampen the ever-growing aspiration of the south Korean people for peaceful reunification and suppress their anti-fascist struggle for democratization and lead the situation to the brink of war so as to prop up the tottering fascist rule of the scoundrels.

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are now in an acuter crisis than ever before.

The south Korean people, boundlessly encouraged by the daily growing might of the northern half of the DPRK and its rising international position, are fighting vigorously against the colonial fascist rule and the policy of war of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges and for the democratization of the south Korean society and the independent, peaceful reunification of the country.

In consequence, the crisis of the colonial rule of the U.S. imperialists over south Korea is further aggravated, unrest and fear are growing within the puppet ruling circles and discord and contradictions among them are also deepening.

Furthermore, the Pak Jung Hi clique have become a political orphan, isolated and repudiated internationally.

The U.S. imperialists whom the Pak Jung Hi clique worship as god are steadily going downhill, badly battered in all parts of the world, and Sato, the boss of Japanese militarism, and his group on whom they have pinned so much hope are writhing in agony, repudiated by the broad strata of Japanese people for their U.S.-toeing policy.

The Pak Jung Hi clique, driven to bay both at home and abroad, proclaimed "a state of emergency" in an attempt to stave off their imminent doom and cooked up the evil law to "legalize" this, further strengthen the military fascist dictatorship and step up the war policy.

It is a stereotyped method of the scoundrels to let loose a flood of evil laws, harshly repress the people and kick up frantic war racket, whenever they see the growing tendency to the peaceful reunification and worsening crisis of their colonial puppet rule in south Korea.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, said:

"Where there are exploitation and oppression, there always breaks out the revolutionary struggle of the people and where oppressors intensify their tyranny, the people's struggle against it always becomes more organized and tenacious."

The brazen-faced act of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique who steamrollered the fascist evil bill by a brigandish method is now enraging the south Korean people to a greater extent, and the railroading of the bill touched off a sharper conflict between the government and nongovernment parties within the puppet ruling circles.

The intensified war rackets and fascist repression by the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique will invite greater discontent of the south Korean people and stronger denunciation on the part of the unbiased world public opinion and will precipitate the collapse of their military fascist rule.

The workers, peasants and students and people of all other strata of south Korea should raise higher in a monolithic unity the banner of the anti-fascist struggle for democratization to shatter the enemy's suppression and win the democratic freedom and rights.

No one, if concerned about the destiny of the country and the nation, can sit idle at a time when the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are leaving no stone unturned to impose still greater misfortunes and calamities upon the south Korean people.

When the people rise as one and fight resolutely, they can smash any vicious intrigues of the enemy.

The ultimate victory is in store for the south Korean people struggling for the cause of justice.

Twelfth Anniversary of Independence of Cameroons

January 1 is the twelfth anniversary of the independence of Cameroons.

On this occasion the Korean people extend warm congratulations to the Cameroon people.

The independence of Cameroons in 1960 opened up a new vista in the struggle of the Cameroon people to create a new life.

Since the independence of their country the Cameroon people have scored many successes in their struggle for removing the evil aftermaths of imperialist and colonialist rule, consolidating the national independence and building the national economy and culture.

Our people heartily rejoice over these successes of the Cameroon people.

Today the imperialists headed by U.S. imperialism are cunningly manoeuvring to infiltrate into newly independent countries using "aid" as a bait and bring the peoples of these countries under the yoke of neo-colonialism.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the entire Korean people, taught:

"Imperialism will not change its aggressive nature before it dies. That is why one should dispel all illusions about imperialism and fight it out." ("Let Us Promote the World Revolution, Holding High the Banner of Marxism-Leninism and Proletarian Internationalism, the Banner of Anti-Imperialist, Anti-U.S. Struggle," p. 258.)

The Cameroon people who know through their bitter experience the aggressive nature of the imperialists and colonialists are now actively endeavouring to consolidate the national independence and achieve the prosperity of the country while fighting against imperialism, colonialism and racism.

The Korean people express active support to their just struggle.

Though Korea and Cameroons are separated far away from each other geographically, they are linked closely with each other for the community of the struggle for firmly defending the national independence against imperialism and colonialism.

Convinced that the friendship relations sealed between the peoples of Korea and Cameroons will develop further in conformity with the aspiration of the peoples of the two countries, we sincerely wish the Cameroon people new success in their struggle for the prosperity and development of the country against imperialism and colonialism.

● The misrule of the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, has reduced south Korea to a nidus of diseases where numerous people are afflicted seriously with various diseases that keep spreading rapidly.

According to the extremely curtailed figure made public by the puppet ministry of education, more than 900,000 primary school pupils and middle and high school students in south Korea suffer from anemia, sore throats and skin diseases, 310,000 of them being in a critical condition requiring prompt treatment.

Besides, 87 per cent of the entire school-goers are carriers of various parasitic insects, such as intestinal worms and hookworms, that practically none of them is healthy.

This indicates that for the execution of their policy of aggression the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen, engrossed in bleeding the people white, drive them into the slough of destitution and pay no heed to the public health service and the anti-epidemic work.

● In an attempt to squeeze from the hunger-stricken peasants a huge sum of money necessary for war preparations, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique have newly set up in the provinces their headquarters for extortion in the countryside and now they take away from the peasants grain and money at random.

In South Kyongsang Province alone, they collected from the peasants a stupendous amount of money—above 5,000,000,000 won—last year under the pretext of charging the prices for "insecticides" and "fertilizers" which they had never supplied to them. For this brigandish pillage, they unhesitatingly "seized" even negligible household utensils of the peasants and their straw-thatched houses.

In the south Korean countryside today, an increasing number of peasants, left without means of living owing to the enemy's harsh plunder, quit their villages only to wander from place to place.

● South Korea has been converted into a virtual hell under the sway of poverty and famine, into a traffic mess where shocking accidents occur quite frequently.

The extremely doctored statistics released by the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique show that in Seoul alone more than 18,000 inhabitants lost their precious lives or got heavily injured in over 20,000 traffic accidents last year.

Especially after the proclamation of a "state of emergency" by the puppet clique, military vehicles appeared here and there in the streets of Seoul, running over residents wildly and killing many of them.

As they admit, south Korea now "ranks first in the world" in the rate of death from traffic accidents.

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